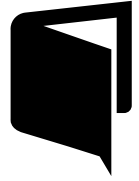


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A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, February 21, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 7 | **God's Peculiar People**

1 Peter 2:4-10

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“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Built on **JESUS CHRIST**,

v. 4-8

cornerstone

Isaiah 26:18, 8:14; Psalm 118:22;
Ephesians 2:19-22; Romans 9:33; Matthew 21:42-46; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11



1. It's All About Jesus!

the Gospel

v. 7-8; Acts 4:8-12; Romans 3:23; 6:23a; 5:8; 6:23b; 10:9-10, 13

*Will you believe and build your life on Jesus the cornerstone?
— or will you stumble over him and take offense?*

the **CHURCH** is at the very **HEART**

v. 4-7, 9

the place of God's presence in the world

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

"spiritual house"

God's people in the world

Exodus 19:4-6; Revelation 5:10

"holy/royal priesthood"

of God's **ACTIVITY IN THE WORLD.**

v. 9-10, 5

...to save and claim people for his own

...to call people out of darkness

...to show grace and mercy unending

...to give HOPE

We are sent

**to love people and invite them
to follow Jesus with us.**



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *When is a time in your life when you gave up something for the sake of a better cause? Or said a different way, when have you sacrificed something in your life for the sake of a better cause or someone else's good?*

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

1. We heard this weekend how followers of Jesus have now become priests and are at the center of God's heart and activity in the world. Jesus is our High Priest—giving us unfettered access to God. How do the following passages about Jesus being our High Priest encourage you “*as you draw near to him (1 Peter 2:4)*”?

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 7:23-28

Do you typically feel you have full access to God?

Why do you think some people may take this access to God for granted?

Do you ever have a hard time believing that Jesus understands the difficulties you face in life? If so, explain.

2. One of the primary responsibilities of the Old Testament priests was to offer the various sacrifices required by the law. While these sacrifices are no longer applicable today, there are still sacrifices that Christians are called to make. What do you find challenging about making the sacrifices found in the passages below? How do you think they were able to mature in such a trying situation?

Romans 12:1-2

Philippians 4:14-19

Hebrews 13:14-15

Have you ever had an experience where you were able to focus on the benefits of any of the actions mentioned above, rather than on what you were giving up?

Can you think of any other actions that could also be considered sacrifices we could make to God?

3. As a part of God's royal priesthood we have full access to God's Word, which means we can read and understand the Bible on our own. What differences do the following passages suggest will happen in the life of a person who regularly takes advantage of this access to God's Word?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 4:12

Psalms 1:1-3

Personal Prayer Items



FEBRUARY CHALLENGE

Start a new spiritual habit.

If you're a follower of Jesus, you're holy. You're his. Set apart. Different. Are you living like it? — The way to live like it begins with developing habits that reflect who you truly are. What's a spiritual habit you can work to develop this month? Bible reading? Memorization? Praying Scripture? Write it down and go for it!

Word Find for 1 Peter 2:4-10 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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