

I PETER 2:4-10

WE ARE GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

THE LIVING STONE

- COMING TO HIM- GOD THE LIVING STONE
- REJECTED BY MEN- MAN DID NOT SEE HIS VALUE
- CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

WE ARE LIVING STONES ALSO

- JESUS IS THE LIVING STONE BECAUSE HE AROSE FROM THE GRAVE
- WE ARE LIVING STONES BECAUSE WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVING IN US
- HOLY PRIESTHOOD- WE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE FATHER

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES

- FAITH RESULTING IN SACRIFICE AND SERVICE

PHIL. 2:17

BUT EVEN IF I AM BEING Poured OUT AS A DRINK OFFERING UPON THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH, I REJOICE AND SHARE MY JOY WITH YOU ALL.

- GIFTS TO SUPPORT OTHERS IN MINISTRY

PHILIPPIANS 4:18

BUT I HAVE RECEIVED EVERYTHING IN FULL AND HAVE AN ABUNDANCE; I AM AMPLY SUPPLIED, HAVING RECEIVED FROM EPAPHRODITUS WHAT YOU HAVE SENT, A FRAGRANT AROMA, AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE, WELL-PLEASING TO GOD.

- OUR BODIES (LIVES)

ROMANS 12:1

THEREFORE I URGE YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, TO PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, *WHICH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP.*

- OUR PRAISE

HEBREWS 13:15

THROUGH HIM THEN, LET US CONTINUALLY OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD, THAT IS, THE FRUIT OF LIPS THAT GIVE THANKS TO HIS NAME.

- CONVERSION OF GENTILES

ROMANS 15:16

TO BE A MINISTER OF CHRIST JESUS TO THE GENTILES,
MINISTERING AS A PRIEST THE GOSPEL OF GOD, SO THAT
MY OFFERING OF THE GENTILES MAY BECOME
ACCEPTABLE, SANCTIFIED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- PAUL'S DEATH

2 TIMOTHY 4:6

FOR I AM ALREADY BEING Poured OUT AS A DRINK OFFERING, AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE HAS COME.

JESUS THE CORNERSTONE

- EPH. 2:20 JESUS THE CORNERSTONE
- THE BEGINNING AND FOUNDATION OF ALL THINGS
- THE REFERENCE POINT FOR EVERYTHING WE BUILD
- IMMOVABLE AND UNCHANGEABLE
- IF REJECTED: ROCK OF STUMBLING AND OFFENSE

GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

- CHOSEN RACE: GOD'S LOVING INITIATIVE TO BRING THE CHURCH TO HIMSELF
- ROYAL PRIESTHOOD: OUR ROLE IN WORSHIP, INTERCESSION AND MINISTRY
- HOLY NATION: THE CHURCH IS SET APART FOR GOD'S USE

PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION

- SHOWS GOD'S OWNERSHIP OF US

TITUS 2:14

WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US TO REDEEM US FROM EVERY LAWLESS DEED, AND TO PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS.

WHY DID GOD GIVE HIMSELF FOR US?

- SO THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF GOD
- ARE WE TELLING PEOPLE EVERY DAY WHAT GOD HAS DONE?
- DO WE TALK MORE ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE OR WHAT CENTRAL HAS DONE?

THE PEOPLE OF GOD

- NOT BASED ON RACE BUT IF YOU HAVE GOD AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR
- WE HAVE RECEIVED MERCY NOT BASED ON OUR BEHAVIOR BUT ON GOD'S LOVE