

Series: Living Hope
Passage: 1 Peter 2:1-10
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1 Peter 2:1-10 (ESV)

A Living Stone and a Holy People

2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“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.

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1. When have you discarded something, only to discover later that you really needed it? What steps did you take to get back that discarded item?

 2. From this passage, consider the original living stone (verse 4). What was the contrast between the true identity of that living stone (Jesus) and how he was misunderstood?

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3. Throughout this passages what different words or phrases does Peter use to describe Christians?

4. Which descriptive word or phrase resonates the most with you, and why?

5. Which Old Testament scriptures is Peter using in verses 6-8? Why are they significant?

6. What should the action of the Church be as a result of taking on the identity of “chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation” (verse 9)?

7. How does this scripture point to the living hope of Jesus?