

# First Peter

## 1 Pet. 2:6-10

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7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But *ye are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.



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(b) A new location revealed, 2:5b – “...are built up a spiritual house...”

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ii. A new priority observed, 2:5d-e

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• Successful sacrifices are now offered, 2:5e – “...acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”



### (3) The Living Stone and its corner, 2:6-8

#### (a) Its destiny foretold, 2:6

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Isa. 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone**, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, **a sure foundation**: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Eph. 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;



1 Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay **than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

Original Word: καταισχύνω

Transliteration: kataischuno

Definition: I shame, disgrace, bring to shame, put to utter confusion, **confounded** frustrate.

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- In verses 4-6, the emphasis is that our foundation is Jesus Christ.
- In verse 7-9, the emphasis is that due to our relationship with Christ, we are interrelated in our relationship with one another.
- The Chief Cornerstone, Christ, sets the direction for us, the lively stones in the way we are to be building our lives for His glory!



(b) Its design foretold, 2:7-8

i. To bring joy to some, 2:7a – “Unto you therefore which believe *he is precious...*”

Original Word: τιμή

Transliteration: timé

Definition: a price, honor.

Properly, *perceived value*; *worth* (literally, "price") especially as *perceived honor* – i.e. what has *value* in the eyes of *the beholder*; (figuratively) the *value* (*weight*, honor) *willingly assigned* to something.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5092.htm>



ii. To bring judgment to some, 2:7b-8

- The unbelievers and their failure, 2:7b – “...but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner...”
- The unbelievers and their future, 2:8
- Their disbelief stated, 2:8a – “And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient...”



Isa. 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; **but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

Mt. 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

- Their doom settled, 2:8b – “...whereunto also they were appointed.”
- Disobedience has an appointed consequence  
= “Light rejected → greater darkness.”



b. The privileges of Christians, 2:9-10

(1) Our remarkable position, 2:9a-d

(a) God's sublime purpose, 2:9a –  
“But ye *are* a chosen generation...”

Eph. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

4 According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto **the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself**, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**



Rom. 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God.**

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God:**

(b) God's sovereign priesthood, 2:9b –  
“...a royal priesthood...”

Ex. 19:6 And ye shall be unto me **a kingdom of priests**, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Rev. 1:6 And hath **made us kings and priests unto God and his Father**; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



1 Tim. 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;  
14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
15 Which in his times he shall shew, **who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords**;  
16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: **to whom be honour and power everlasting**. Amen.

(c) God's secret principality, 2:9c –  
“...an holy nation...”



Phil. 3:20 For **our conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Heb. 13:14 For **here have we no continuing city**, but **we seek one to come**.

(d) God's secured people, 2:9d –  
“...a peculiar people...”

Ex. 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be **a peculiar treasure unto me** above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

Psa. 135:4 For **the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure**.



Deut. 14:2 For thou *art* **an holy people unto the LORD thy God**, and **the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself**, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

Deut. 26:18 And **the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people**, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldst keep all his commandments;

(2) Our resulting praise, 2:9e-10

(a) The response of praise, 2:9e –  
“...that ye should shew forth the praises...”

Mt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, **that they may see** your good works, **and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**



1 Pet. 4:3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein **they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot**, speaking evil of *you*:

(b) The reasons for praise, 2:9f-10

i. A new realm, 2:9f – “...of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”



Acts 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,  
18 To open their eyes, *and* to **turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which **hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**



ii. A new relationship, 2:10

- We now belong to His family, 2:10a – “Which in time past *were* not a people, **but are now the people of God...**”
- We now bask in His favor, 2:10b – “...which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

Hos. 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, **Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.**



Hos. 2:23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and **I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were* not my people, Thou *art* my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.**

1 Pet. 2:10 Which **in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God:** which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Rom. 9:25 As **he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.**

26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; **there shall they be called the children of the living God.**



## Conclusion

2 Thess. 1:7 And **to you who are troubled rest with us**, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and **that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When **he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe** (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.