



## Sermon Notes

### 1Peter 2:4-10 "The Cornerstone"

Review: 1Peter 1:14-15

1) Christ's holiness gives us our **STATUS** as Christians. Upon **HIS** holiness, our **HOLINESS** is built. **Christ has satisfied the requirement of holiness FOR US and IN US.** (v4, 5)

2) Our Christian status ought to grow us in **WILLING SACRIFICE & DURABLE HUMILITY**, which are spiritual sacrifices, but only through **CHRIST.** (v6, 7)

**"No life can surpass that of a man who quietly continues to serve God in the place where providence has placed him".**

*Charles Spurgeon*

3) As a body of believers we are a spiritual **HOUSE** being built up. We **ARE** and **ARE IN** Zion. (v5, 6)

4) Your destiny is determined by the God of **TRUTH.** Your acceptance or rejection of Christ (**the Cornerstone**) is evidence that points to your God and will lead to **STUMBLING** or **STATUS.** (v7-10)

5) In full view of Christ's preciousness, a life changing approach to Christ requires an understanding of the extreme disparity between his full **REJECTION** by men and his **INTENDED PLACEMENT** by God to be rejected. (v6-8)

## Growing Notes

1) Read 1Peter 2:4-8. What stands out? Given that the "cornerstone", Christ, is placed first, is set by God, is precious, sets the vertical and horizontal plumb lines and is upon which **everything rests**, what are the consequences of replacing or moving the cornerstone? How do you see that happening outside the church and inside the church?

2) These verses tell us that God has chosen Jesus and believers exclusively for a special purpose. From a non-biblical view this appears exclusionary. What kind of attitudes and actions does this create from the world looking into the church and how should we respond? (1Pt 2:18-21, 3:13-17, Rom 5:3-5)

3) The words Peter uses in saying "you yourselves..." is corporate, meaning he is not referring to the "spiritual house" or temple of God as the body of an individual believer, but as the body of believers – the collection of living stones who are joined to Christ. But as Peter's letter shows, he is concerned about many areas of one's life. Why and how do our individual lives affect the church? What areas does 1Peter focus on, and how, so that "our houses" are whole in hopes that the "spiritual house" is acceptable to God? (1 Peter, 1Cor 3:16-18, 2 Cor 6:16-18, Heb 3:4-6)

4) Christ the cornerstone has been tested. (Read 1Pt 4:12-19) 1Pt 4:12 shows us our natural tendency to be surprised we encounter testing. (Read James 1:2-4 & 12) James 1:2 tells us to respond unnaturally and "count it all joy" when we are tested. From Philippians 4:13 what does "I can do **all things**" mean and what doesn't it mean? How does your truth affect your testing? What should be the "cornerstone" of your effort and why?

5) Insanity has been defined as "doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results". Life change requires a new perspective and a different path. According to our teaching, in what two ways should we see Christ to effect life change? (Isa 53:1-5, 10, 11)