

Living In Love

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Living In Christ Means Living In His Love

A. Live in Love (1:22-23)

1. Sign of obeying God's truth (1:22)

1 John 3:18-19

2. Sensed by others in the body of Christ (1:22)

1 John 4:20

John 13:35

3. Sourced by the Word of God (1:23)

1 John 4:7

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B. Lay Aside (1:24-2:1)

1. In light of our time on earth (1:24)

James 4:14

Ephesians 5:16

2. In light of God's Word (1:25)

James 1:25

3. In light of our old nature (2:1)

James 1:20-21

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C. Long For God's Word (2:2-3)

1. An insatiable desire (2:2)

Psalm 42:2

2. An indwelt desire (2:3)

Psalm 34:8-9

Living As Stones

1 Peter 2:4-10

Living In Christ Means Living As He Lived

I. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)

A. Selected by God (2:4)

1 Peter 2:4

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

1. By coming to Him

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)

A. Selected by God (2:4) - continued

2. By considering Him

a. His way

Isaiah 42:1

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

b. His worth

Matthew 13:45-46

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

I. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)

B. Spiritual building (2:5)

1 Peter 2:5

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

I. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)

B. Spiritual building (2:5)

1. Living, not dead

Matthew 3:9

And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

I. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)

B. Spiritual building (2:5) - continued

2. Lifted up

1. To be a house

Ephesians 2:21-22

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

2. To be holy and honorable

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

I. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)

C. Security in Christ (2:6)

1 Peter 2:6

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Isaiah 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.

II. Strength In Unity With Christ (2:7-8)

1 Peter 2:7-8

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.

II. Strength In Unity With Christ (2:7-8)

A. A steadfast foundation exposed (2:7)

1 Corinthians 3:11

**For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 7:24

**Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and
doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built
his house upon a rock:**

II. Strength In Unity With Christ (2:7-8)

B. A supportive community enabled (2:7)

Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

C. A surrendered walk experienced (2:8)

Matthew 21:44

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

III. Shared Identity as a Spiritual Nation (2:9-10)

A. A special people (2:9)

1 Peter 2:9

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;

1. Who have accepted Christ

Matthew 22:14

For many are called, but few are chosen.

III. Shared Identity as a Spiritual Nation (2:9-10)

A. A special people (2:9) - continued

2. Who are adopted by Christ

Romans 8:15-17

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:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

III. Shared Identity as a Spiritual Nation (2:9-10)

A. A special people (2:9) - continued

3. Who are acknowledged in Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

4. Who acclaim Christ

Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

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B. A spiritual people (2:10)

1 Peter 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.

III. Shared Identity as a Spiritual Nation (2:9-10)

B. A spiritual people (2:10)

1. By the blood of Christ

Ephesians 2:14-15

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

III. Shared Identity as a Spiritual Nation (2:9-10)

B. A spiritual people (2:10) - continued

2. By the mercy of God

Romans 9:24-26

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

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.

**Be A Living Stone
Not A Dead Rock**