- A. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6)
  - 1. Selected by God (2:4)
    - a. By coming to Him Hebrews 11:6
    - b. By considering Him
      - 1). His way Isaiah 42:1
      - 2). His worth Matthew 13:45-46

# Living As Stones 1 Peter 2:4-10

### Living In Christ Means Living As He Lived

- A. Significance Of Living Stones (2:4-6) continued
  - 2. Spiritual building (2:5)
    - a. Living, not dead Matthew 3:9
    - b. Lifted up
      - 1). To be a house Ephesians 2:21-22
      - 2). To be holy and honorable 1 Peter 1:15-16
  - 3. Security in Christ (2:6) Isaiah 28:16

- B. Strength In Unity With Christ (2:7-8)
  - 1. A steadfast foundation exposed (2:7)
    - 1 Corinthians 3:11
    - Matthew 7:24
  - 2. A supportive community enabled (2:7) Ephesians 4:16
  - 3. A surrendered walk experienced (2:8) Matthew 21:44

- C. Shared Identity As A Spiritual Nation (2:9-10)
  - 1. A special people (2:9)
    - a. Who have accepted Christ Matthew 22:14
    - b. Who are adopted by Christ Romans 8:15-17
    - c. Who are acknowledged in Christ 1 Thessalonians 5:5
    - d. Who acclaim Christ Ephesians 5:8

- C. Shared Identity As A Spiritual Nation (2:9-10) continued
  - 2. A spiritual people (2:10)
    - a. By the blood of Christ Ephesians 2:14-15
    - b. By the mercy of God Romans 9:24-26

# Living In The World 1 Peter 2:11-25

How We Live Reveals Who We Live For

- **A.** To government (2:13-15)
  - 1. The rule (vv 13-14)
- 1 Peter 2:13-14
- 13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

- **A.** To government (2:13-15)
  - 1. The rule (vv 13-14) continued
- **Romans 13:1-5**
- 1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

- **A.** To government (2:13-15)
  - 1. The rule (vv 13-14) continued

**Romans 13:1-5** 

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Acts 5:29

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

- **A.** To government (2:13-15)
  - 2. The reason (v 15)
- 1 Peter 2:15

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

- B. To God (2:16-20)
  - 1. In redemption (v 16)
- 1 Peter 2:16

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

#### Galatians 5:13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

- **B.** To God (2:16-20) continued
  - 2. In relationships (vv 17-18)
- 1 Peter 2:17-18
- 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.
- 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

- **B.** To God (2:16-20) continued
  - 3. In righteousness (vv 19-20)
- 1 Peter 2:19-20
- 19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
- 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

- A. Christ Our Standard (2:21-23)
  - 1. His way (v 21)
- 1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

- A. Christ Our Standard (2:21-23) continued 2. His walk (v 22)
- 1 Peter 2:22

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

- A. Christ Our Standard (2:21-23) continued 3. His words
- 1 Peter 2:23

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

#### **James 3:2**

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

**B** Christ – Our Substitute (2:24)

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

#### 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

C. Christ – Our Shepherd (2:25)

1 Peter 2:25

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**Psalm 95:7** 

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

# 1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

We Should Change Before We Are Changed