

SERMON NOTES

Title: Living Stones
Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10
Subject: Church
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Introduction:

- A. As believers in Christ we sit in the “Catbird Seat.”

- B. We are set apart for God, holy as He is holy.
1 Peter 2:4-5

Body:

- I. “As you come to Him.”
 - A. At this point he is not talking about salvation.
John 15:4-5 (NIV)
 - B. Coming to Him implies a very personal relationship.
 - C. In this way we come to Jesus.

II. The Living Stone

- A. Stones are not alive.
1 Peter 2:6 (NIV)
- B. God chose Jesus to be a Cornerstone.
- C. Though this stone was chosen by God, He was rejected by men.
1 Peter 2:7 (NIV)
- D. This is a stone that makes men stumble.
1 Peter 2:8 (NIV)

III. We too are living stones

- A. The distinguishing quality of these stones is that they are alive, just as “chosen and precious Cornerstone” is alive!
- B. We are being built into a “spiritual house.”
- C. We are a chosen people.

Conclusion:

- A. This is our identity: living stones, holy royal priests, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.
- B. Does that describe you?