

The Living Stones for God's House - 1 Peter 2:4-12

Topics

Believers, Bible, Call, Church, Citizenship, Darkness, Desires, Glory, God, Heritage, Jesus Christ, Life-style, Light, Mercy, Obedience, People, Rejection, Sacrifice, Sin, Unbelievers

Open It Questions

A. What is something that is very precious to you?

B. When have you felt rejected?

C. What is your ethnic heritage and how has it influenced you?

Explore It Questions

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7. How does our past compare with our present condition? (2:10)

8. From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain? Why? (2:11)

9. Why is it important for believers to live good lives? (2:12)

Get It Questions

10. How is Christ still being rejected by people today? Why?

11. How is Christ precious to you? Why?

12. How could being disobedient to God cause someone else to stumble?

13. How does being chosen by God for a special task make you feel?

14. What are the implications of believers being a chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation?

15. In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?

16. When have you felt that you were at war with sinful desires?

17. Why is it so hard to abstain from sinful desires?

18. Why do we need encouragement to live good lives among non-Christians?

19. What good deeds in your life do non-Christians see?

20. How can we do good deeds so they are both a witness and a discrete act of service (that is, not merely for show)?

21. What does it mean to live a good life?

22. To what people can your good deeds be a witness?

Apply It Questions

23. From what specific sinful desires will you ask God to help you abstain this week?

24. What good deeds can you use as a witness to your neighbors?

25. How do you need to change your plans for the near future so that you will be an example to the unbelievers with whom you have regular contact?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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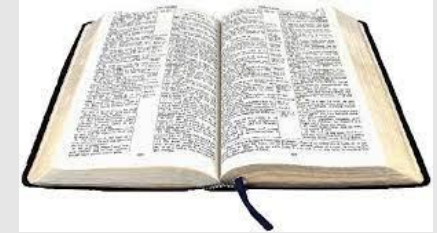
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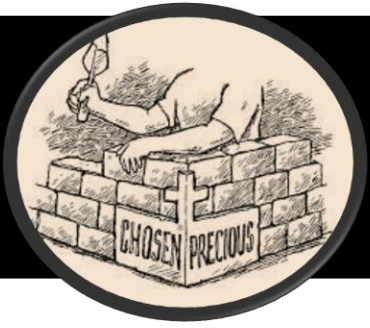


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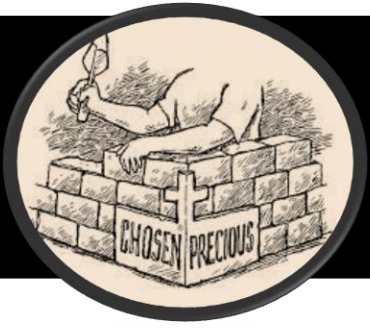


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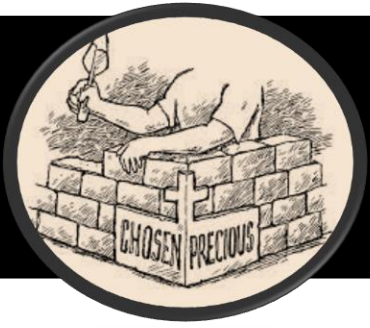


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INTRODUCTION

In describing the church as God's spiritual house, Peter drew on Old Testament texts that would be familiar to his Jewish Christian readers: Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16. They would have understood the living stones to be Israel; then Peter used the image of the “cornerstone” for Christ. Again, Peter was demonstrating that Christ did not cancel the Jewish heritage but had fulfilled it. Peter encouraged his readers by emphasizing their true identity and unity in Christ. We too should strive to be usable, obedient elements in God's work.



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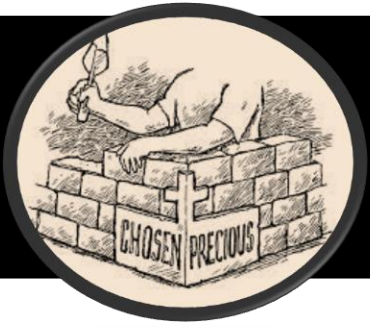
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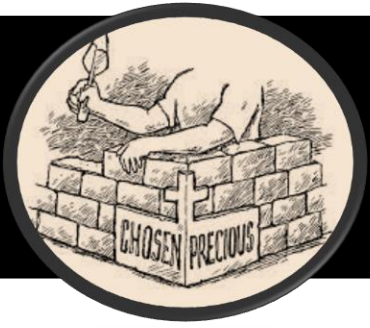
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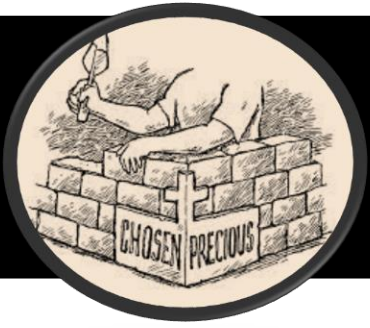
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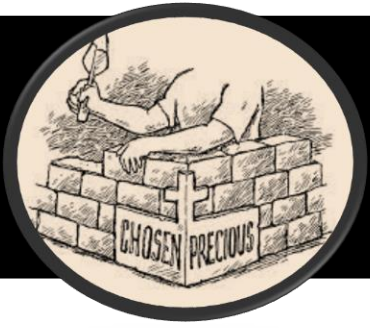
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GET IT QUESTIONS

#10 to #22

APPLY IT QUESTIONS

#23 to #25

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Sunday, August 28th, 12:30 pm – 3:30pm

Immediately Following Services in the Church Rear Parking Lot
Please bring a lawn chair

Card games – Board games – Lawn Games

Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chips, Pop, Water



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Next Week's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

@12:00 Noon In-Person



Wednesday, August 31, 2022

@7:00pm Virtual via ZOOM

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PRAYER

