

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 2:4-10 Lesson #7

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Peter before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.

4-5 Coming to Him as to a living stone, **REJECTED indeed by MEN**, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are **being BUILT up a spiritual HOUSE, a holy PRIESTHOOD**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

• **Ephesians 2:20** “Having been _____ on the _____ of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief _____.”

• **Isaiah 53:3** “He is despised and _____ by _____, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was _____ and we did not esteem Him.”

• **I Corinthians 3:10-11** “For no other _____ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is _____.”

• **Acts 4:10-12** “Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of _____ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God _____ from the _____, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘_____ which was _____ by you builders, which has become the chief _____.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is _____ other _____ under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

• **John 4:21-22** “Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will _____ on this mountain, _____ in Jerusalem (at the temple), _____ the Father. You _____ what you do not know; we know what we worship, for _____ is of the _____.”

Definition: “SALVATION is of the JEWS” — God originally gave the knowledge of Himself and the way of salvation to Abraham and his descendants through his son, Isaac, which descendants later became known as the Jewish people, or the nation of Israel. However, by the time of Jesus, the Jews had failed to do what God originally intended for them to do. God had wanted the Jewish nation to reach the Gentile peoples with the knowledge about Himself, but instead they selfishly kept it to themselves. Eventually, the Jews, as a nation, became so hardened towards God, that **they REJECTED their own Messiah.**

• **John 19:12-15** “From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the _____ cried out, saying, “If you let this man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a _____ speaks against Caesar.” When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought _____ out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the _____, “_____ your _____!” But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! _____ Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I _____ your _____?” The chief priests answered, “We have _____ king but Caesar!”

Definition: “Being BUILT up a spiritual HOUSE, a holy PRIESTHOOD” – This “spiritual HOUSE” is also called in Ephesians 2:21-22 “the whole building”, and “a holy temple” and “a habitation of God in the Spirit.” “HABITATION” means a dwelling place, a residence. **We, as Christians all together, as the Body of Christ, are also the temple or dwelling place of God’s Holy Spirit. God no longer has a physical temple here on earth, as the nation of Israel had in the Old Testament.** The New Testament dwelling place of God is in His Believers, both collectively and individually. God dwells in us

by His Holy Spirit. We are also “**a holy PRIESTHOOD**” to God. In the Old Testament, and in many religions today, a priest would have to go before God on behalf of the people. We no longer need a priest of any kind, as each one of us, as Believers in Jesus Christ, are priests and a “priesthood”, and **we can come before God on our own. We do not need another person to pray for us or come before God on our behalf.**

• **I Corinthians 6:19** “Or do you not know that your _____ is the _____ of the _____, _____, who is in you, whom you have from _____, and you are not your own?”

• **Ephesians 2:21-22** “In whom the whole _____, being joined together, grows into a holy _____ in the Lord, in whom you also are being _____ together for a _____ of God in the Spirit.”

• **John 14:23** “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone _____, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and _____ will _____ to him and make Our _____ with him.’”

• **I Corinthians 3:16** “Do you not know that you are the _____ of God and that the _____ of God dwells in you?”

• **II Corinthians 6:16** “And what agreement has the _____ of God with idols? For you are the _____ of the _____ God. As God has said, ‘I will _____ in them and walk among them, I will be their God, and they shall be My _____.’”

• **I Peter 2:9** “But _____ are a chosen generation, a royal _____, a holy nation, His own special _____, that you may proclaim the _____ of Him who called you out of _____ into His marvelous _____.”

6-8 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion (Israel) **a CHIEF CORNERSTONE**, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but **to those who are disobedient, ‘The STONE which the BUILDERS REJECTED** has become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE’, and ‘A STONE of STUMBLING and a rock of offense.’ They STUMBLE, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.”

• **Isaiah 28:16** “Therefore thus says the Lord _____, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a _____ for a _____, a tried _____, a precious _____, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily.’”

• **Isaiah 8:14-15** “_____ will be as a sanctuary, but a _____ of _____ and a _____ of _____ to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken.”

• **I Corinthians 1:23-24** “But we preach _____ crucified, to the _____ a _____ and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both _____ and _____, _____ the _____ of God and the _____ of God.”

• **Psalms 118:22** “The _____ which the builders _____ has become the chief _____.”

Definition: “**To those who are DISOBEDIENT the STONE which the BUILDERS REJECTED has become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE**” – The original “builders” of God’s kingdom and plan of salvation were the Jews, the nation of Israel, but they, as a nation, failed to believe in Jesus as the promised Messiah, which means **they were “DISOBEDIENT to the word”** and God rejected them. Many individual Jews became believers in Jesus, and are still coming today, but God no longer works with them

as a nation. Jesus Christ has **“become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE”** of everything that God does or has planned. This is the same thing as in Colossians 1:17-18, where it says Jesus has “preeminence” over everything. Preeminence means FIRST PLACE. Also, the cornerstone of any building is what **holds it up** - the building would be unstable and come tumbling down if the cornerstone were removed or was faulty in any way. Jesus Christ is the basis and foundation of our salvation, and He is stable and will never fall or let us fall.

•**Romans 16:25-26** “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of _____, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made manifest to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for _____ to the _____.”

•**Colossians 1:17-18** “And He is _____ all things, and in Him _____ things _____. And He is the _____ of the _____, the _____, who is the beginning, the _____ from the _____, that in _____ things He may have the _____.”

Definition: “In Him ALL THINGS CONSIST” - All things consist is another way of saying **all things hold together**, so Jesus is the one who holds everything in the universe together. HE is the ONE WHO IS IN CONTROL of everything. He keeps the planets in their orbits and keeps them from flying off into space. Also, scientists don’t really know what holds atoms together, as the positive and negative parts should actually cause them to fly apart, so it is really Jesus who holds every atom together in your body, or on the earth, or in everything in the whole universe. Some Scripture verses also use the words “upholds all things”, which means **Jesus holds things together**, and also holds them up and keeps them safe. If Jesus can uphold the entire universe, He is surely capable of UPHOLDING your LIFE and helping you, too.

Definition: “STONE of STUMBLING and a ROCK of OFFENSE” — Putting your **trust in Jesus** to save you and **believing that what He did on the cross PAID FOR YOUR SINS** is so simple that many people **“stumble over it”** or cannot accept it. They want to be able to DO SOMETHING to EARN their own salvation, and they refuse to accept GOD’S WAY of salvation. Believing in Jesus for their salvation is an **OFFENSE to them, because it OFFENDS** their PRIDE. Some people reject Jesus altogether, but many want to INCLUDE Jesus in **their own system** of works, good deeds and religious ideas. By doing this they are **DISOBEDIENT to God’s word**, because God’s word says **salvation is by FAITH IN JESUS plus NOTHING ELSE!!**

•**Romans 9:31-33** “But _____, pursuing the law of righteousness, has _____ attained to (achieved) the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did _____ seek it by _____, but as it were, by the _____ of the _____. For they _____ at that stumbling _____. As it is written: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a _____ stone and a _____ of _____, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.’”

9-10 But you are a chosen generation, **a royal PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of **Him who called you out of DARKNESS into His marvelous LIGHT; who once were NOT a PEOPLE but are NOW the PEOPLE of GOD**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

•**Hosea 1:9** “Then _____ said, ‘Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are _____ My _____; and I will not be your God.’”

•**Revelation 1:5-6** “And from _____ Christ, the faithful witness, the

_____ from the _____, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and _____ us from our _____ in His own _____, and has made us _____ and _____ to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

• **I Peter 2:5** “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a _____, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

Definition: “Him who called you out of DARKNESS into His marvelous LIGHT” – Before we were saved, **we were in the DARKNESS of sin and unbelief.** God miraculously brings us out of that darkness into His perfect LIGHT and LIFE in Jesus Christ when we BELIEVE in Him.

• **Ephesians 5:8** “For you were once _____, but now you are _____ in the Lord. _____ as children of _____.”

• **Romans 13:12-13** “The _____ is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of _____, and let us put on the armor of _____. Let us _____ (conduct our lives) properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but _____ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

• **Acts 26:17-18** “I will deliver you from the _____ people, as well as from the _____, to whom I now send you, to _____ their _____, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the _____ of _____ to _____, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus).”

• **I Thessalonians 5:4-5** “But you, brethren, are not in _____, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of _____ and sons of the _____. We are not of the _____ nor of _____.”

• **Matthew 5:16** “Let your _____ so shine before _____, that they may _____ your _____ and glorify your _____ in heaven.”

• **I John 1:5-7** “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all. If we say that we have _____ with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____. But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the _____, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from _____.”

Definition: “Who once were NOT a PEOPLE but are NOW the PEOPLE of GOD” – This was originally spoken to the nation of Israel in the days of Hosea the prophet. The people of Israel had turned away from God and gone after idols and false gods and false religions. Now, God is speaking to the Gentiles, saying that although they (and WE) at one time were “NOT His people” they (and WE) can now become His own special people through faith in Jesus Christ.

• **Galatians 3:26** “For _____ are _____ of God through _____ in _____.”

• **II Cor. 6:17-18** “Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate,’ says the Lord, ‘And do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive _____, and I will be a _____ to _____, and _____ shall be My _____ and _____’, says the Lord Almighty.”

• **John 1:12** “But as many as _____ Him (Jesus), to _____ He gave the _____ to become _____ of _____, even to those who believe in _____.”

His name.