



## "A Royal Priesthood" (Part 2)

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### 1 Peter 2:4-5a



**4** And coming to Him as the Living Stone, having been rejected by men—but chosen by God and precious [to Him]. **5** You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it is contained in Scripture: BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOSEN STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE; AND THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME. **7** This honor, therefore, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve: THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER. **8** And: A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE. They stumble because they

are disobedient to the word, unto which [ends] they were appointed. **9** But you are AN ELECT RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [GOD'S OWN] POSSESSION so that you might proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now [you are the] people of God; [once you were] those who had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

– 1 Peter 2:4-10, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

### Introduction: What is the Priesthood of the Believer?

"Priesthood" comes from *hierateuma* (ἱεράτευμα) which comes from the Greek noun for "priest" *hiereus* (ἱερεύς). The Hebrew word for "priest" is *cohen* (כֹּהֵן) the root of which means "to stand."

\* It is a P \_\_\_\_\_

\* Won by C \_\_\_\_\_

\* For every C \_\_\_\_\_

\* Gives us A \_\_\_\_\_ to God

\* For P \_\_\_\_\_, C \_\_\_\_\_, S \_\_\_\_\_, W \_\_\_\_\_

"The privilege won for every Christian by Christ giving the believer access to God in prayer, confession, sacrifice and Word."

- I. The Church as a Royal Priesthood ( 2:4-10)
  - A. Established in the Living Stone (4)
  - B. Erected as a Spiritual Temple (5)
  - C. Elected as the People of God (6-10)

### I. The Church as a Royal Priesthood ( 2:4-10)

A. **Established** in the Living Stone (4) *This is the Source of our Priesthood*

1. Review from last week . . .

B. **Erected** as a Spiritual Temple (5): *This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Priesthood*

1. The Nature of the Temple: We are Living Stones

a. The three Temples of Israel . . .

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple

(2) Zerubbabel's Temple

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple

b. We are living stones (v. 5) being built up by the Living Stone (v. 4)

(1) "being built up" = present passive of *oikodomeō* (οἰκοδομῶ)

(a) Being built two ways: quantitatively & qualitatively

i. Quantitatively:

ii. Qualitatively:

(2) Two further implications:

(a) The church is a \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ requires unity

2. The Paradox of the Temple: We are both a Spiritual House and a Holy Priesthood

3. The Service of the Temple: We are to offer Spiritual Sacrifices

**Conclusion**