



"A Royal Priesthood" (Part 1)

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1 Peter 2:4



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: The Priesthood of the Believer

** Survey of Hebrews

* 2:14-18

* 4:14-5:10

* 7:22-28

* 9:1-22

* 10:11-14

* 10:19-25

"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." – 1 Peter 2:5

**** The Priesthood of the believer**

"Post Tenebras Lux" (After Darkness, Light)

- 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 _____ of our Priesthood*

1. Christ is our life (4a)

2. Christ is our High Priest (4b)

a. His Rejection by men

b. His Reception by God

3. Our Rejection by Men and Reception by God

Conclusion