



## "A Royal Priesthood" (Part 4)

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### *1 Peter 2:6*



**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.

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## Introduction

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

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

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

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

C. **Elected** as the People of God (vv. 6-10) *This is the Security of our Priesthood*

1. The Cornerstone of Our Belief (6a)

- a. What passage does Peter quote?
- b. What is the original context of the quote?
- c. Isaiah 28:16 as a Messianic prophecy

- 1. The Cornerstone of Our Belief (6a)
- 2. The Confidence of Our Belief (6b)
- 3. The Contrast of Unbelief (7)
- 4. The Cause of Unbelief (8)
- 5. The Character of God's People (9a)
- 6. The Commission of God's People (9b)
- 7. The Calling of God's People (9c)

(1) Cited by Jesus in Luke 20:17

(2) Cited by Peter in Acts 4:11; Paul in Romans 9:33, 10:11; Eph. 2:20

d. What is a "Cornerstone?"

(1) Three implications for us:

(a) We have Jesus Christ as our \_\_\_\_\_

(b) We as the building stones are \_\_\_\_\_ where we are for a \_\_\_\_\_

(c) We as living stones must stay \_\_\_\_\_ with the Cornerstone

e. A lesson from history: Martin Luther and the Leipsic Disputation of 1519

f. What is the significance of the Stone being placed "in Zion?"

a. Hebrews 12:18-23

"Zion is to the New Covenant what Sinai was to the Old. As Sinai represents the judgement of the law, Zion represents the blessings of grace."

2. The Confidence of Our Belief (6b)

**Conclusion**