



## "A Royal Priesthood" (Part 5)

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### *1 Peter 2:6b-8*



**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

### 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*

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

1. The Cornerstone of Our Belief (6a)

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

- a. The word "shame" (or "disappointed") is from the Greek verb *kataisxunō* (καταισχυνώ) - "being deceived in some confidence, or placing hope in someone and having that hope dashed"

(1) What is the specific context in which Peter writes? Cf. 3:14-17

### 3. The Contrast of Unbelief (7-8a)

- a. Translation Issue:

KJV - Unto you therefore which believe he is precious

NIV - Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

RSV - To you therefore who believe, he is precious,

ESV - So the honor is for you who believe

NASB - This precious value, then, is for you who believe.

- b. What is the "honor" or "value?"

- c. The contrast between belief and unbelief

- d. Psalm 118:22 and Isaiah 8:14

(1) Who are the builders?

### 4. The Cause of Unbelief (8b)

- a. God's sovereignty and man's responsibility

(1) What does it mean in verse 8b: "unto which [ends] they were appointed?"

(a) Three Options

(b) Compare Romans 9:14-24

## **Conclusion**