

1 Peter 1:22-2:10

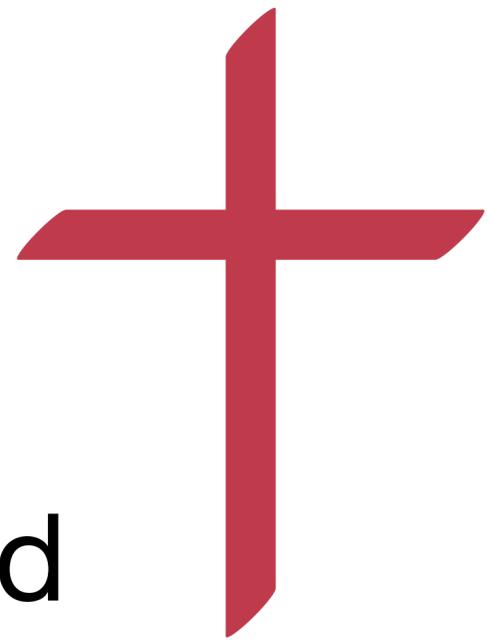
A People for God's Own Possession



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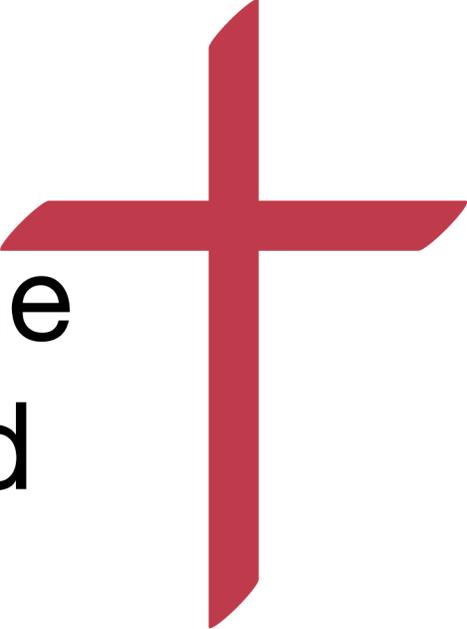
1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in **obedience to the truth** purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, **fervently love one another** from the heart, **23** for you have been **born again** not of **seed** which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring **word** of God. **24** For, “All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off, **25** But **the word of the Lord endures forever.**” And this is the word which was preached to you.

- New birth & obedience to truth are about loving God & others.
- God’s Word is living and enduring in us now and forever.



1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, **putting aside** all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, **2** like newborn babies, **long for the pure milk of the word**, so that by it you may **grow in respect to salvation**, **3** **if you have tasted** the kindness of the Lord.

- Obedient children put aside a sinfulness toward others.
- Learn to yearn for good, gospel nourishment.
- We are growing as we **follow**, **mature** and **multiply**.



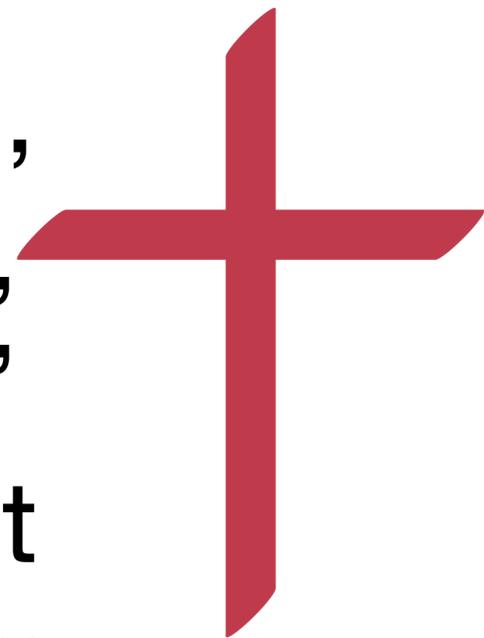
1 Peter 2:4 And coming **to Him** as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, **5 you** also, as **living stones**, are being **built up as a spiritual house** for a holy priesthood, to **offer** up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus was rejected, and identifies with sufferers.
- In Him, we are becoming living stones. (Faith —> Unity)
- We are being built together into a spiritual house.
- As we live in God's love, we live out God's love (embody).

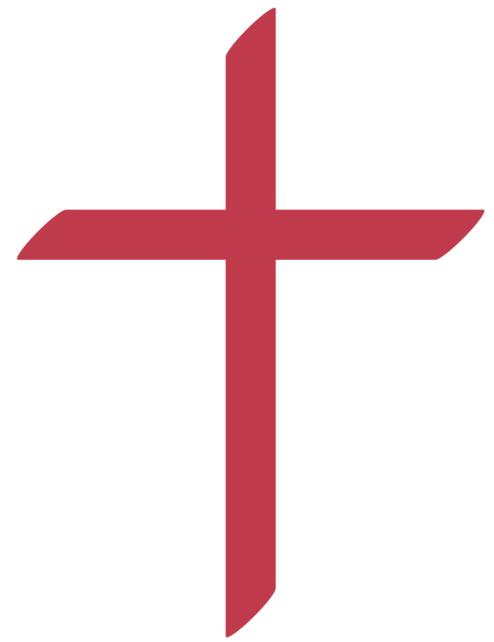
1 Peter 2:6 For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a **precious corner stone**, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “The stone which the builders **rejected**, This became the very corner stone,” **8** and, “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”; for **they stumble because they are disobedient to the word**, and to this doom they were also appointed.

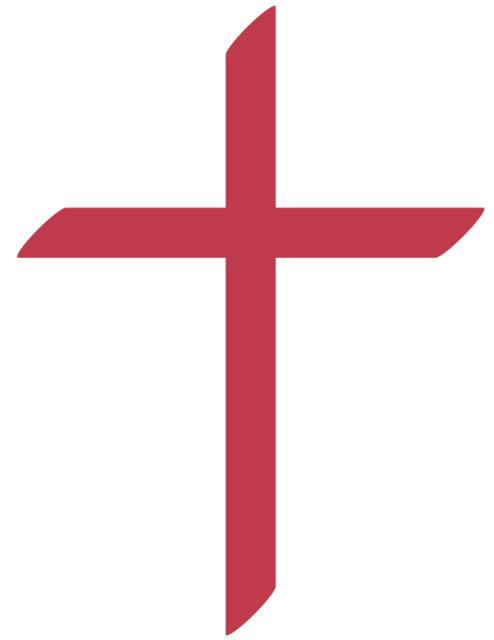
- Jesus is the precious cornerstone, faithful as God promised.
- Many in Israel’s, Peter’s & our time have rejected The King.
- Man’s sin started when Adam & Eve disobeyed The Word.



1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, **a people for God's own possession**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



- This NT text connects OT terms for Israel with the church.
- Kingdom citizens are a chosen people & royal priesthood.
- God's people proclaim Him as they are being transformed from the kingdom of darkness to light.



Practical Application & Action Steps:

1. Love others as Christ has loved you and go deeper into relationship with specific people.
2. See maturity as your posture toward people (or a person) in addition to your posture toward the Lord.
3. Think of gathering, not only in terms of attendance, but also in terms of unity in heart and mind.
4. You get to work with God. You get to work for God.