

Moving From Rejected To

Selected

1 Peter 2:1-10

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, 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, for this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

This precious value, then is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS HAS BECOME THE VERY CORNER STONE.

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; for once you were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD, you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:4-7, 9-10 NASB

Reflection Questions

1. Read through 1 Peter 2:4-10. As you reflect on these verses, what is the most significant thing that is found in the paragraph? Why is this important to you?
2. Have you ever had a time when you were chosen for something you did not want? What was that like? Compare that to a time when you were chosen for something that gave you a sense of purpose. What was the difference between to two times of being "chosen"?
3. Read Exodus 19, 4-6, and imagine that you had been a slave, living among a nation of slaves, without a hope, without a future, without even knowing if you would live another day without getting abused. AND GOD PICKED YOU AND ALL OF YOUR BEAT UP, ABUSED, POOR, SICK-AT-HEART RELATIVES—HE "CHOSE" YOU. What does this mean about being chosen? Do we deserve it? Do we earn it? What does God's choosing of us "do" in us and through us?

Reflection Questions

4. The passage indicates that God has picked us for a very special purpose—to be a whole nation of priests. What do priests do in the Bible? If one priest offers sacrifices and prays for mercy, can you do this as you ask for the sacrifice of Jesus to cover the sins of your neighbors and friends, and then pray for them? Can this be done together?

Application Questions

1. Have you asked the Lord to join you to a race of people who are “God’s own possession.”? Make a plan to ask God for something that you can do with your church family that tells the world you are possessed of God.
2. Since you are chosen to be possessed of God, chosen to be kingdom of priests and a holy nation, imagine what it would be like if just 20 people from our church decided to do this together? What would this look like?
3. End your day by thanking God that you have “joined the priesthood” with Christ as our Great High Priest.

This week we are listening to

Raise a Hallelujah
King of Kings
What a Beautiful Name
Marvellous Light

Other Scriptures to consider

Exodus 19:4-6
Numbers 9:15-23
Matthew 5:13-16

Notes
