

1Peter 2:4–10

Reproached with Christ While Being Built Up into Christ for God's Praise

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1st Peter chapter 2. 4 through 10. These are God's words. Coming to him as to a living stone rejected indeed by man but chosen by God and precious. You also. As living stones are being built up into. A spiritual house, a holy priesthood. To offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through.

Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is also contained in scripture. Hold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone. Elect precious and he who believes on him. Will by no means we put to shame therefore to you who believe he is precious. But to those who are just obedient, that's done with the builders rejected has become the cheap.

Cornerstone And a stone of stumbling in a rock of the fence, they stumble being disobedient. To the word to, which they also. Or appointed. But you are. Chosen generation, Royal priesthood. A holy nation, his own special people that you may proclaim, The praises of him who called you out of darkness.

Into his marvelous light. Who, once we're not a people, But are now the people of God. Who had not obtained, mercy. But now have Obtained, mercy.

So far the reading of God's inspired and to narrow tort

1st Peter is written to a church that was suffering persecution. You might remember that earlier this week, When we were thinking about, Matthew 5:16. And men seeing our good works of glorifying. Caught in heaven. We know that that in Matthew 5, that also came in the context of persecution.

And we looked at verse 12, just two verses after our reading here. Noting that this glorifying of god is a glorifying. In which called glorifies himself in the last day. As he punishes. Those who speak against believers is evildoers. And there are those who Find the church offensive and find Christ offensive.

Those who Reject him, those who stumble over him. Those who To use. Paul's. Quotation of the same text in Roman chapter 10. The. The same text. From. Psalm 118.

The juice, stumbled over him because they wanted to earn their own salvation. So I could not receive the god became a man. In order that Salvation would be through faith. But it's necessary. That God become a man. That salvation would be through faith in him. Not only Because only Jesus has The worst or the value to attend for our sins.

And only his righteousness can be our worthiness before God. But because God's intention is for Jesus to be the one in whom God is glorified. He's the chief cornerstone. He's the one from him. And in him. The Lord is building a spiritual and eternal temple for his own worship.

Now we've been seeing in our Exodus lessons, the construction of the tabernacle and how wonderful it is that God is providing His people with a way of worshiping him. But heaven, and the highest heaven. Cannot contain God, much less a tabernacle. Much less the temple. Which Solomon built. In fact, when Solomon was dedicating his temple, he prayed that very thing heaven and Evan.

Heaven in the highest having cannot continue, much less. This little house that I've built. But God is as it were contained since the in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. And we are united to Jesus. So Jesus is the Livingstone coming to him as to a living stone rejected indeed by men but chosen by God and precious Missouri saying, They rejected Jesus, but Jesus is God in the flesh, the temple of god, god himself, and those who are being joined to him through faith because they have been chosen to be made his people because they have been chosen to receive mercy.

They are being united to him. And so Jesus is that chief cornerstone? That song at 118 was talking about. But, You also verse 5, as Livingston's are being built up a spiritual. House. Is that we find the reason for our salvation is not so that we can feel good forever or escape punishment forever.

But that we make glorify and enjoy God forever that we may worship him by offering up spiritual sacrifices. Acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. And so, we offer up. Prayer and praise. We offer up the hearing of the word. We offer up fellowship with the Lord Jesus in his supper.

In all of these things, we are to be offering up our souls as sacrifice unto God. We are to be giving ourselves to God who has given us Christ. And Christ. Leads us. He, of course has offered himself once for all.

So let us not be surprised. When we are rejected by the world. The purpose of our salvation is not so that the world will like us. But that we will praise God. And when the world is rejecting us, It is a, providential reminder from God that we've been united to Christ.

And they rejected him But, We are saved in order. To worship god.

Our Father in heaven. We thank you that you have given us to worship you just now. We thank you that you are giving us. Should you Terry to spare us together with your people? On your day to worship tomorrow. We pray for Pastor Tipton Does he prepares to preach this passage?

You would help him to understand well. And come up with a good plan for communicating it but especially that your spirit would be with him. When he preaches that it would not be. In his own strength, wisdom, but independence. On you and the help of your spirit. We pray that your spirit would be with us as we hear.

And we pray that all the parts of the worship would indeed be offered through Christ unto you Bringing him, honor and Corey. And in him, bringing you on earthquake. When we are rejected by men for belonging to him, We pray that you would remind us. That he was rejected, but he is the most chosen and the most precious and in him.

You have chosen us and counted us precious. So help us Lord to be encouraged by persecution. And especially encouraged to praise you. And worship you. We ask Jesus name. Amen.