

THE CHURCH – PART I “Under Construction” 1 Peter 2:4-5

One of the metaphors that describes the church is that of a building under construction. The building material is not stucco, sheet rock, 2 x 4s, and so forth. This building is made with stones – living stones. Jesus is the cornerstone of this edifice and all believers are the stones cut to size and placed on the walls. The purpose for which this spiritual house is being built is to offer spiritual sacrifices to God. But what are these spiritual sacrifices that God’s people are to offer? Today’s teaching will answer that question and more.

#1. JESUS IS THE LIVING STONE IN THE SPIRITUAL HOUSE, v. 4

- A. Jesus is the living Stone
- B. Jesus is the Cornerstone, Isa 8:14, 28:16, Ps 118:22
- C. Jesus imparts life as we come to him
- D. Jesus was rejected by man
- E. Jesus was chosen by God & precious to him

#2. JESUS MAKES HIS DISCIPLES LIVING STONES IN THE SPIRITUAL HOUSE, v. 5

- A. The believer becomes a living stone in the building
- B. The spiritual house is under construction, 1 Cor 3:11
- C. The believers are a holy priesthood
- D. The believers offer spiritual sacrifices
- E. The sacrifices are only acceptable through Christ

ANSWERS: Body, Worship, Good Deeds, Generosity, Leading, Prayers, Love.

#3. WHAT ARE THE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES BELIEVERS SHOULD OFFER TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST?

- A. Our _____ is a sacrifice, Rom 12:1-2
- B. Our _____ is a sacrifice, Heb 13:15
- C. Our _____ are a sacrifice, Heb 13:15
- D. Our _____ is a sacrifice, Heb 13:15
- E. Our _____ people to Christ, Rom 15:15-16
- F. Our _____ are a sacrifice, Rev 8:3-4
- G. Our _____ for others is a sacrifice, Eph 5:1-2, 1 John 3:16

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What is the importance of the Cornerstone in constructing a building? (see 1 Corinthians 3:11)
- #2. In what sense is Jesus the “living Stone”?
- #3. In what sense do believers become living stones?
- #4. Discuss the contrast between “rejected” and “chosen” in vv. 4-8.

#5. What is significant about the spiritual house presently being built?

#6. In what sense are believers a “holy priesthood”?


#7. Why are the sacrifices made to God through Christ?

#8. Discuss the implications of the spiritual sacrifices listed on the outline.

#9. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

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*you yourselves like living stones are being built up
as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to
God through Jesus Christ*

1 Peter 2:5

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