

1 Peter 2:4-10

The Riches of our Glorious Inheritance



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⁴ As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ 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.

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⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

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⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may 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 God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Review from v4-5

- All the glorious truths revealed in v4-10 cannot be considered without first “*coming to Him*”
- Jesus Christ is “*a living stone*” and in the sight of God, He is “*chosen and precious*”
 - But He is “*rejected by men*”
- In coming to the living stone (Jesus), we gain eternal life, and become “*living stones*”
 - As “*living stones*” together we “*are being built up as a spiritual house*”

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Review from v4-5

All Christians are a “*holy priesthood*”

- To offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
 - Through Christ Jesus

Major Points in v6-10

- Fulfillment of OT prophecies in Christ
- The blessings of the believing
- The judgment of the unbelieving
- The foreshadowing of Jesus & the church in OT
- The glory of God in everything

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Verse 6

For it stands (contained) in Scripture:

- Peter already concluded that Jesus is the “living stone”
- “*For*” Peter is going to build on (support) what he stated in v4-5
 - Pointing to OT Scripture (Isaiah 28:16)
- In pointing back to the OT, Peter affirms the OT is God’s word/reliable

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame”

- Peter is claiming Isaiah’s words were a Messianic prophecy, and Jesus is the fulfillment

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Verse 6

God, through Isaiah, told the people of Israel “Behold”(see), I am going to send a Messiah. He will be a cornerstone (they are looking for this)

- Peter is affirming Jesus is the fulfillment
 - V4 Jesus is living stone/chosen/precious in the sight of God
- Peter is strengthening & encouraging them (hope)
 - “*whoever believes in Him, will not be put to shame*”

Romans 10:11-13 *For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.”*¹² *For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on **all** who call on Him.*¹³ *For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

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V7-8

V6 *“whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame”* v7 *“So the honor is for you who believe”*

- As you come to Him, the living stone, you yourself are a living stone, being built up as a spiritual house, to a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Scripture confirms, Jesus is the fulfillment of the cornerstone mentioned in the OT, and if you are believing on Him, you will not be put to shame, so honor is for us who believe, because we will not be put to shame
- If we stopped right there, this should produce a heart of thanksgiving and worship to God

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V7-8 What about those who do not believe?

V7 *But (contrasting) for those who do not believe (Psalm 118:22) “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”* v8 and *“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (Isaiah 8:14)*

- The rejection of Jesus as the Messiah (stone) is the fulfillment of Ps 118:22 and Isaiah 8:14

V7-8 What about those who do not believe?

Matthew 21:42-46 *Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.*

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V7-8 What about those who do not believe?

Acts 4:8-12 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. 11 **This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.** 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

- This prophecy is originally fulfilled in Jewish religious leaders who reject Jesus Christ
- Peter then applies it to all who “who do not believe”

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V7-8 What about those who do not believe?

Why do they stumble?

“they stumble because they disobey the word”

-They *“do not believe”*

-Scripture shows them culpable/responsible

-The unregenerate man is unwilling (John 3:19-20) & unable to come (Rom 8:7-8, 1 Cor 2:14), yet he is culpable

“They stumble because they disobey the word (responsible/culpable), as they were destined to do (God’s sovereignty)”

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V7-8 What about those who do not believe?

They stumble because they disobey the word (responsible/culpable), as they were destined to do (God’s sovereignty)”

-These truths must be proclaimed (In scripture)

-They force us to ask “Do I really believe the bible?” and “What do I do if I can’t reconcile something in the bible?”

-Do I hold God captive to my understanding?

-Forces us to examine what we think is fair

Most people ask “Why does God still find fault? Who can resist His will?” (Romans 9:19-23)

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What about those who believe?

V9 “*But you are a chosen race*”

- Peter already addressed “election” 1 Peter 1:1
- The nation of Israel was “elected”
 - *Deut 7:6-7 “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples”*
 - The church is God’s elected race (True Israel)
 - The basis for God’s election is His own good & free will
 - This is one of the most humbling doctrines in scripture

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What about those who believe?

V9 “*a royal priesthood*”

- Royal-(kingly)-We will rule with Him
- Revelation 20:6** *Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God & of Christ, & they will reign with Him for a thousand years.*

V9 “*a holy nation*”

- Set apart (this is a reality and a call)
- Be what God has made us

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What about those who believe?

V9 *“a people of His own possession”*

-Remember God bought (redeemed us) with the precious blood of Christ (We are not our own)

V9 That YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

- Seeing all that the Lord has graciously given us should pour out in testifying of His excellencies
- This is a responsibility and a privilege

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What about those who believe?

Ephesians 5:8 *for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*

Colossians 1:13 *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.*

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What about those who believe?

V10 *Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people*

- This is why it is so wrong to say "you have everything except Christ"
- Now we are God's people
 - Romans 8:31:39 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- Do we see why worry, complaining, fear are sin? We are the people of God

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What about those who believe?

V10 *Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy*

- If we had not received mercy, that means we were under the eternal wrath of God
- Consider what it took so that we could receive mercy and God could remain just

We do not sit and meditate enough
on numerous facets of our salvation.

This is amazing grace

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