

FOUNDED UPON THE LIVING STONE

1 Peter 2:4-12



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⁴ **As you come** to him, **the living Stone**—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ **you also, like living stones, are being built** into a spiritual house **to be** a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now **to you who believe, this stone is precious**. But to those who **do not believe,**

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

1 PETER 2:4-12

and, “A stone that causes people to **stumble**
and a rock that makes them **fall.**”

They stumble because they **disobey** the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ **But you are** a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may **declare the praises of him** who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ **Once you were not** a people, **but now you are** the people of God; **once you had not** received mercy, **but now you have** received mercy.

¹¹ **Beloved, I urge you**, as foreigners and exiles, to **abstain from sinful desires**, which wage war against your soul. ¹² **Live such good lives** among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds **and glorify God** on the day he visits us.

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In Christ,

 We belong to a new household – v4-8

 We have a new identity – v9-10

 We live a new lifestyle – v11-12



A NEW HOUSEHOLD

V4, "As you come to Him, ..."

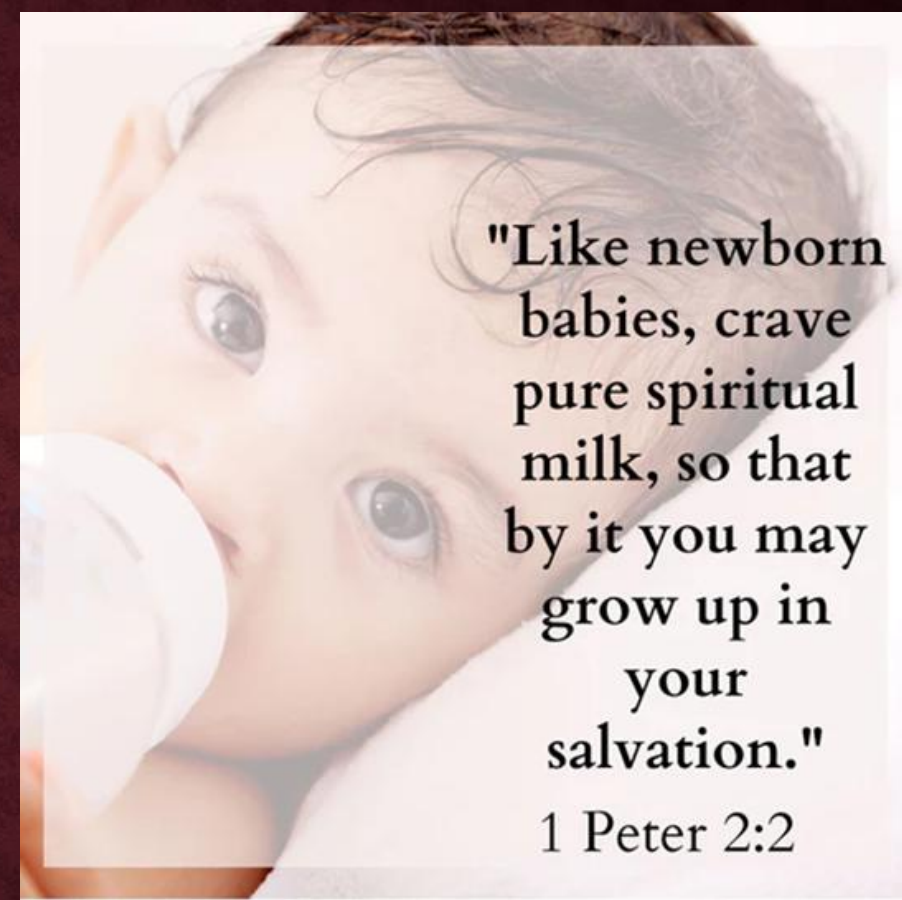
- They came through, "A new birth ..."
- with a renewed mind ...

V4, "As you come to Him, **the Living Stone**..."

- "... rejected by men but chosen by God and precious."

The stone the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:7





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- Washington Monument, 555 feet tall.
- The cornerstone, a 24,500 pound block of white marble which was set on an insecure foundation in July 4th 1848 was found inadequate.
- Reinforced by a concrete foundation base of 126 ft square x 36 ft deep, in 1880.

IN CHRIST, WE HAVE A NEW HOUSE

V5, “You also, like living stones...”

- Like Jesus, they were also rejected but chosen by God and precious.
- “... are being built ...”
- “..into a **spiritual** house..”
 - “.. you are a temple of God..” – 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19
- “.. **to be** a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices..”



WE ARE A NEW HOUSEHOLD

- Christ → The Living Stone
- Believers → living stones
- Church → God's Spiritual House



IN CHRIST, WE HAVE A NEW IDENTITY

- ✓ A Chosen Race – because of His grace
- ✓ A Royal Priesthood – everyone has direct access to God
- ✓ A Holy Nation – we belong to God’s kingdom
- ✓ God's Special Possession – we belong to God’s Himself

“to declare the praises of Him ... ”



**Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

A scenic background image of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. In the foreground, a purple flower with many small blossoms is in focus on the left side. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

A NEW LIFESTYLE

V11, “Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and exiles...”

- Or “as strangers in this world...”
- “Be Holy..”
- “.. **abstain from sinful desires**, which wage war against your soul.”

V12, “**Live such good lives** ..”

- Maintain honorable conduct
- So that others may glorify God

THE NEW LIFESTYLE IS A WITNESS

- At home...
- At work...
- In business...
- In suffering...

- People are watching.



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They believed & obeyed
1 Pet 3:7; 1:14, 22

They belong to a new household

They have a new identity

They live a new lifestyle

To them,

Christ has done it

Christ is their hope

Christ is precious

Becos they loved Him!
1 Pet 1:8



We also, are like living stones...

are being built...



A magnifying glass with a black handle and silver frame is positioned over a fingerprint on a green textured surface. The fingerprint is a clear, circular ridge pattern. The magnifying glass enlarges the central part of the fingerprint, making the ridges more distinct. The background is a mottled green color.

IDENTITY

WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

A scenic landscape featuring a winding asphalt road that curves through a lush green field. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden-hued clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and inspiring.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

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