

heart to Heart

The Living Stone

1 Peter 2: 4-10



Discuss

1. What are the qualities of stone that make it important to a structure?
2. What kind of “spiritual sacrifices” would a Christian want to make to honor Jesus? (v. 5)
3. Write the four ways St. Paul describes believers in verse 9. We are: _____, _____, _____, and _____.
4. Being all these amazing things, what would we naturally want to do?

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—
Lord, we come before you, the Living Stone.

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.
Make our faith strong and long-lasting, Lord.

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.”
Lord, we trust you and love you with all of our hearts.

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,”
Lord, know that we believe you are precious.

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.
Help us to stand straight and firm in our faith.

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.
Thank you, Lord, for taking us from darkness into light.

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.
May we be forgiving and merciful, too, Lord. Amen.



Scenic Overlook

In Armenian, a parish community is referred to as a "dzookh" which literally means "smoke." This originated in the tradition that parish priests would have jurisdiction over an area as far as the furthest chimney that could be seen.



I am a living stone in this spiritual house!

The Living Stones of My Parish

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What gifts do I possess as a living stone in this spiritual house? How could they be put to use right now? In the future?



Verse Master

"Once you were not a people, now you are a people of God."

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