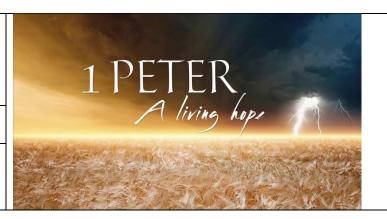
1 Peter

a living hope

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1 Peter 2:1-10



Text

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1	So clean house! Make a clean	Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice	Rid yourselves, then, of all evil; no more
	sweep of malice and pretense,	and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and	lying or hypocrisy or jealousy or insulting
	envy and hurtful talk. You've had a	slander of every kind.	language.
2	taste of God. Now, like infants at	Like newborn babies, crave pure	Be like newborn babies, always thirsty for
	the breast, drink deep of God's	spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow	the pure spiritual milk, so that by drinking
	pure kindness. Then you'll grow up	up in your salvation,	it you may grow up and be saved.
3	mature and whole in God.	now that you have tasted that the Lord	As the scripture says, "You have found out
		is good.	for yourselves how kind the Lord is."
4	Welcome to the living Stone, the	As you come to him, the living Stone—	Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected
	source of life. The workmen took	rejected by humans but chosen by God	by people as worthless but chosen by God
	one look and threw it out; God set	and precious to him—	as valuable.
5	it in the place of honor. Present	you also, like living stones, are being	Come as living stones, and let yourselves
	yourselves as building stones for	built into a spiritual house to be a holy	be used in building the spiritual temple,
	the construction of a sanctuary	priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices	where you will serve as holy priests to
	vibrant with life, in which you'll	acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.	offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to
	serve as holy priests offering		God through Jesus Christ.
6	Christ-approved lives up to God.	For in Scripture it says:	For the scripture says,
	The Scriptures provide precedent:	"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and	"I chose a valuable stone, which I am
	Look! I'm setting a stone in Zion, a	precious cornerstone, and the one who	placing as the cornerstone in Zion; and
	cornerstone in the place of honor.	trusts in him will never be put to	whoever believes in him will never be
	Whoever trusts in this stone as a	shame."[Isaiah 28:16]	disappointed."
7	foundation will never have cause	Now to you who believe, this stone is	This stone is of great value for you that
	to regret it.	precious. But to those who do not	believe; but for those who do not believe:
	To you who trust him, he's a Stone	believe,	"The stone which the builders rejected as
	to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust him,	"The stone the builders rejected has	worthless turned out to be the most
	The stone the workmen threw out	become the cornerstone,"[Psalm	important of all."
	is now the chief foundation stone.	118:22]	And another posint up acus
8	For the untrusting it's a stone to	and,	And another scripture says,
	trip over, a boulder blocking the	"A stone that causes people to stumble	"This is the stone that will make people
	way.	and a rock that makes them fall."[Isaiah 8:14]	stumble, the rock that will make them fall."
	They trip and fall because they	They stumble because they disobey the	They stumbled because they did not
	refuse to obey, just as predicted.	message—which is also what they were	believe in the word; such was God's will
		destined for.	for them.
9	But you are the ones chosen by	But you are a chosen people, a royal	But you are the chosen race, the King's
	God, chosen for the high calling of	priesthood, a holy nation, God's special	priests, the holy nation, God's own people,
	priestly work, chosen to be a holy	possession, that you may declare the	chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of
	people, God's instruments to do	praises of him who called you out of	God, who called you out of darkness into
	his work and speak out for him, to	darkness into his wonderful light.	his own marvelous light.
10	tell others of the night-and-day	Once you were not a people, but now	At one time you were not God's people,
	difference he made for you—from	you are the people of God; once you had	but now you are his people; at one time
	nothing to something, from	not received mercy, but now you have	you did not know God's mercy, but now
	rejected to accepted.	received mercy.	you have received his mercy.
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Group Discussion

- In verses 1-3 Peter says "rid yourself".
 - o Of what?
 - o Why?
 - o How?
- In verses 4-10 What images does Peter use to describe the church?
 - o In what sense is Jesus the cornerstone? Of what?
 - o In what sense is Jesus a "rock of offense"?

chosen generation - special people

- Peter's hearers are among the first to respond to the good news of Jesus, to understand that they are saved and reconciled through Jesus and filled with God's Spirit.
 - O Why is being chosen, or seen as special, so important?
 - O Does this mean that some are not chosen?
- What does this phrase mean for you?
- Not a people now a people | not obtained mercy now obtained mercy: what do these phrases mean?

living stones - spiritual house

- Jesus is the living stone, we are all living stones?
 - o In what sense?
- Or to put it another way:
 - o who has helped build you up?
 - o if they were removed, what would the church lose?
- Do you understand that as a "living stone" you are a vital part of the "spiritual house" that God is building?
 - O What does this look like practically?
- Why do you think Peter used the word "spiritual" to describe house?

royal priesthood

- In the Old Testament, only priests had access to the presence of God. Peter now says (verse 3, 9) that every follower of Jesus is a priest.
 - O How do you think this might have impacted the 1st century church?
 - O What does understanding that we are all priests mean for our lives today?
 - What does this mean for how we treat or respect each other?
- What other roles did priests have, that are now ours?

holy nation

- We are part of the kingdom God is bringing.
- Why do you think Christians confuse God's kingdom with nationalism?
 - O What is the antidote to nationalism?
- If we are a "holy nation" then Jesus is king. What does this mean about the authority he has over and in our lives?

This is the nature of sin: People seek their identity & happiness & purpose & key relationships everywhere else but in the one true place: Jesus. Blindness (Jesus called it). ~Howard Snyder

- o How do you respond to this statement?
- How is Peter helping the sojourners, the exiles, the diaspora, the soon to be increasingly persecuted church understand who they are?
- O What are the implications of verse 10?

Praying For One Another

Pray that each one in your group be aware of the implications of living out these questions.

This Week

Read 1 Peter 2 in preparation for next week