

THE NEW TEMPLE

1 Peter 2:4-10

PROPHETIC PUZZLE PIECES



Peter put the pieces together in his confrontation with the Jewish high priest (Acts 4:5-12) and in his letter (1 Peter 2:4-10).

ACTS 4:5–12 (ESV)

¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

1 PETER 2:4–10 (ESV)

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. 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. 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.

JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A NEW TEMPLE!!

- God has **honored** your faith in Jesus by making you a **living stone** and a **holy priest** in His Temple; His dwelling place on earth today.
- As **priests**, it is our/your privilege and duty to 1) **offer spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ and to 2) **proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**.

We do this by:

- **Teaching** and **Obeying** God’s Word.
- **Singing** songs that celebrate the attributes and deeds of God the Father and Son.
- **Praying** in which we praise God for Who He is, what He is doing, what He has promised to do; in which we confess our sins; in which we express our gratitude for His love and goodness, His provision for our spiritual and physical needs, for His deliverance from life’s troubles; in which we intercede for the needs of others.
- **Serving** in the life of our church family according to our spiritual gifts.
- **Loving** one another in the church family earnestly from a pure heart.
- **Sharing** the story of Jesus with those not yet reconciled with God.

GRACE NEWS AND NEEDS

Prayer Quilt: *Please tie a knot and pray for Denise Gilliland in the midst of her health trial.*

Promotion Sunday: *Children and Youth will promote to their next grade level TODAY.*

GCC Youth: *BBQ fundraiser Sunday, June 23rd, after 2nd service. Good food, games for the kids.*

VOM Needs for June: *Bar soap in paper (not box), nail clippers.*