

I PETER 2:4-10

4 **You are coming to Christ**, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

5 And **you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple**. What's more, **you are his holy priests**. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, **you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God**.

6 As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."

7 Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

8 And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

9 But **you are not like that**, for **you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession**. As a result, **you can show others the goodness of God**, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

10 **"Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."**

God says I Am _____

"You are coming to Christ"

"You are a chosen people"

Psalm 27:10 Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.

God Says I Am _____

"You are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple"

"You are not like that" (stumble because they do not obey God's word)

Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.

Luke 6:47 I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it.

48 It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built.

49 But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."

God Says I Am _____

“God’s very own possession”

“Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people”

1 Corinthians 7:23 God paid a high price for you, so don’t be enslaved by the world.

God Says I Am _____

“You are his holy priest”

“You offer spiritual sacrifices that please God”

“You are royal priests, a holy nation”

“You can show others the goodness of God”

2 Timothy 1:9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

27 All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

God Says I Am _____

“Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy”

Isaiah 43:25 “I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.

Ephesians 1:4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken,” says the Lord, who has mercy on you.