

August 30, 2015
I Peter 2:4-10

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

I. Introduction: Who Do You Think You Are?

"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7

II. What Does God Say About You:

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...**" I Peter 2:4-5

[9] But you are **a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God**, 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. I Peter 2:9-10**

- "You are living stones..."
- "You are a chosen people..."
- "You are a royal priesthood and holy nation..."
- "You are a people belonging to God..."
- "Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy"

III. As Part of God's Family You Are:

A. You are _____
"You are chosen by God"

"But you are a chosen people" I Peter 2:9

B. You are _____,
"You belong to God."

"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." I Peter 2:5

"you were bought with a price." I Corinthians 7:23

C. You are _____
to handle what happens in life. **"You are a Royal Priesthood."**

"But you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood...**" I Peter 2:9

D. You Are _____,
"You have received mercy."

"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.**
I Peter 4:10

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Isaiah 43:25 (NIV)

"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of Who I am. I will not hold your sins against you." Isaiah 43:25 (GN)

**POINTS TO PONDER
FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 30TH TO SEPTEMBER 6TH**

Open It

1. What is something that is very precious to you?
2. When have you felt rejected?
3. *What is your ethnic heritage and how has it influenced you?

Explore It

4. How did God and people treat the living Stone (Christ) differently? ([2:4](#))
5. *In what way are we like living stones? ([2:5](#))
6. What will happen to those who trust in the "Cornerstone"? ([2:6](#))
7. How was Christ treated differently by believers and unbelievers? ([2:7](#))
8. In what way did the "Stone" (Christ) cause some people to stumble? ([2:8](#))
9. *What status did Peter ascribe to believers in Christ? ([2:9](#))
10. *How does our past compare with our present condition? ([2:10](#))
11. From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain? Why? ([2:11](#))
12. Why is it important for believers to live good lives? ([2:12](#))

Get It

13. How is Christ still being rejected by people today? Why?

14. How is Christ precious to you? Why?
15. How could being disobedient to God cause someone else to stumble?
16. *How does being chosen by God for a special task make you feel?
17. What are the implications of believers being a chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation?
18. In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?
19. When have you felt that you were at war with sinful desires?
20. Why is it so hard to abstain from sinful desires?
21. Why do we need encouragement to live good lives among non-Christians?
22. What good deeds in your life do non-Christians see?
23. How can we do good deeds so they are both a witness and a discrete act of service (that is, not merely for show)?
24. What does it mean to live a good life?
25. *To what people can your good deeds be a witness?

Apply It

26. From what specific sinful desires will you ask God to help you abstain this week?
27. What good deeds can you use as a witness to your neighbors?
28. *How do you need to change your plans for the near future so that you will be an example to the unbelievers with whom you have regular contact?