

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

God's Living Temple

1 Peter 2.4-10

The Church as God's Temple, v5

➤ *God's dwelling place by his Spirit*

Rom 8.9; Eph 1.3

individually 1 Cor 6.19-20

collectively 1 Cor 3.16-17

1. The Cornerstone and Capstone, v4,6-8

1.1 The Cornerstone, v6

➤ *foundational Is 28.16*

sets the direction for all other stones

➤ *we take our direction in life from Jesus v21*

his golden rule: his Father's will

John 6.38; 4.34;8.29; 17.4; Mat 26.39

1. The Cornerstone and Capstone, v4,6-8

1.1 The Cornerstone – key descriptions, v4

- **He's alive! v4**
our source of faith and hope v4; 1.3,21
- **He's often rejected v4,7-8; John 1.11**
- **He's been chosen by God v4,6; Ps 2.1-7**
- **He's precious to God v4**

1.2 The Capstone, v7

- **Head of the church, the finishing touch**

1.3 The Stumbling Stone, v8

- **judgement for those who reject Jesus**
John 6.28-29; 3.18

2. The Superstructure Stones, vs4-7

2.1 *How we get in, v4*

- *by coming to Jesus and trusting ourselves to him unreservedly v6*

2.2 *What we become, v5*

- *alive to God! 1.3,23; Eph 2.1-5; 1.13-14*

2.3 *What we're promised, v6*

- *warm acceptance by God*

2.4 *What we treasure, v7*

- *Jesus, more than anything else!
Mat 13.44-46; Phil 3.7-9*

3. The Spiritual Functions, vs 5,9-10

3.1 A holy priesthood, v5

- ***interceding for others Heb 5.1***
in prayer 1 Tim 2.1-4
- ***offering sacrifices to God v5; Heb 5.1***
our own bodies Rom 12.1
our monetary gifts Phil 4.18
our praise of God Heb 13.15
our care and generosity Heb 13.16
our work of evangelism Rom 15.16

3.2 A royal priesthood, vs9-10

- ***worship and witness v9; Col 1.13***
It's all of God's mercy v10; Dt 7.6-8