

“Standing Strong as a Royal Priesthood”

Standing Strong—Part 4
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I Peter 2:4-5 (Emphasis added) —“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans 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**, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1. God's _____ .

I Peter 2:6-8 —“For in Scripture it says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’⁸ and, ‘A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.”

Jesus our chosen & precious CORNERSTONE:

The most important decision you will ever make in your life is your response to Jesus. Will you **RECEIVE HIM** or will you **REJECT HIM**?

2. God's _____ .

I Peter 2:9-10 —“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, 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.”

A. A _____ .

B. A _____ .

C. A _____ .

D. God's _____ .

E. From _____ to _____ .

3. War against the passions that _____ .

I Peter 2:11-12 – “Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”