

I Peter 2:4-10



Summary of Today's Message

God has been building His "house" since He first made the world. This is not a physical home nor a temple of worship as much as an assembly of peoples whom He has gathered to Himself. The stones He chooses are human beings in relationship to Christ, the cornerstone foundation. We will consider God's site-plan for this construction project today

This old house-the church of Jesus Christ

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Living Stone is an oxymoron

II. THE HOUSE THAT GOD IS BUILDING TODAY

The Basis: Christ

The cornerstone: the most important part of the building

Jesus Christ should be the foundation for your faith; not just a fine example, or a tradition of people

II. THE HOUSE THAT GOD IS BUILDING TODAY

He is the chief cornerstone

It all begins for us when we come to Him; It's what He tells us to do (see Matt. 11:28)

III. The Building: Us

When you come, you become

The word *Christian* means little Christ

You share His life and strength

You are a living stone

III. The Building: Us

Christianity is the only religion where the life of the
One we worship becomes our life

(See Col. 3:4; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

III. The Building: Us

Peter is speaking of a spiritual house

We are a holy priesthood; we don't go to the temple;
we are the temple;

We have a responsibility to be holy

The Four Sacrifices We Bring to Jesus

Spiritual sacrifice: your body (see Rom. 12:1)

A sacrifice of praise (see Heb. 13:15)

Good works: sharing with people is a sacrifice (see Heb. 13:16)

Another sacrifice is when we give financially to God's kingdom, His work (see Phil. 4:18)

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Building people up is a wonderful but messy endeavor

IV. The Blueprints: Scripture

The building is built on what God said in the Old
Testament

Through the building commission of heaven

Through the architect: God

Into the hands of the Old Testament prophets

V. Two Builders

Wannabe builders

The Jewish Sanhedrin—the caretakers

They looked at Jesus through the measuring implements of their religion, and they rejected Him

People still reject Him today

V. Two Builders

The real builder: God

God has a measuring line

God examined Jesus according to the measurements of His own perfection

God approved the cornerstone

(see Matt. 3:17; 17:5; Luke 3:22; 2 Peter 1:17)