

I Peter 2:4-5

Coming To The Rejected Christ To Be His Spiritual House

I. Introduction:

A. The thought of the text goes from the gracious Lord that we know through His word (**I Peter 2:2-3**), to His being rejected of men.

1. Reason suggests that a person who is good would normally not be harmed (**Proverbs 16:7** and **Romans 13:3**).

2. However, things change when there is a righteous messenger among the wicked (**Proverbs 15:12** and **Amos 5:10**) as was the case with Jesus (**John 3:19-21** and **John 7:7**).

B. From the words of the prophet Isaiah, it was foreknown that Christ would not win a popularity contest (**Isaiah 53:1-12**; cf. **Acts 8:30-35**).

1. Jesus was aware of what was happening and going to happen (**Mark 3:1-7**, **Luke 9:22**, and **John 2:23-25**).

2. Jesus went through a lot of rejection while teaching, yet what stands out to most is how horrific He was treated leading up to His death (**Matthew 26:55-56**, **Matthew 26:67-75**, **Matthew 27:39-44**, and **Luke 23:18-25**).

II. Body: *“To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ”* (**I Peter 2:4-5**).

A. Come to Jesus (**Matthew 11:27-30** and **Revelation 22:17**).

1. With an understanding that coming to Jesus includes walking away from other things (**Matthew 16:24-27**, **Luke 9:57-62**, and **Luke 14:25-33**).

2. Coming to Jesus requires we learn of Him (**John 6:44-45**).

3. Jesus is the chief corner stone (**Ephesians 2:19-22**).

B. It was prophesied that Jesus was going to be the rejected stone (**Psalms 118:22-23**; cf. **Mark 12:1-12**).

1. Jesus, as the light of the world (**John 8:12**), came to His own people and was not received (**John 1:11**).

2. He came, in part, to save Israel from their sins (**Acts 3:25-26**; **5:30-31**).

a. He sent the Apostles to the Jews first (**Luke 24:47** and **Romans 1:16-17**).

b. When the Jews rejected the Gospel attention in teaching then turned to the Gentiles (**Acts 13:44-46**, **Acts 18:1-6**, and **Acts 28:17-28**).

c. This relates to this letter we are studying (**I Peter 2:9-10**).

C. Unto us, Jesus the rejected stone, is the life giving stone (**John 5:26-29**).

1. That is, if we will choose to be His sheep (**John 10:27-28**).

2. Eternal life is in Jesus (**I John 5:11**; **5:13**; **5:20**).

D. Jesus is the precious, chosen one of God (**Isaiah 42:1-9**; cf. **Matthew 12:15-21**).

1. Think about the language the Father used regarding Jesus (**Matthew 3:13-17** and **Matthew 17:1-5**).
2. How the Father heard His only begotten Son (**John 12:27-30**).
3. How the Father did not abandon His only begotten Son (**John 8:27-29** and **John 16:32**).
4. Like Jesus, whether or not we are accepted by men doesn't matter. We need to focus on how God looks at the saints (**Romans 1:7** and **Ephesians 1:6-7**).

E. Ye also...

1. As lively stones (**II Corinthians 6:16**).
2. A spiritual house (**Hebrews 3:1-6**).
3. An holy priesthood (**Revelation 1:5-6**).
4. Offering spiritual sacrifices (**Romans 12:1-3**, **Philippians 4:10-18**, and **Hebrews 13:15-16**).

F. Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (**Romans 5:11**).

1. We can come before the Father because of Jesus (**Colossians 3:16-17** and **Hebrews 10:19-22**).
2. Our good works glorify God through Christ (**I Peter 4:11**).

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study: *“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed”* (**I Peter 2:6-8**).