

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 2:4-10 Lesson #7

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Peter before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word.

4-5 Coming to Him as to a living stone, **REJECTED indeed by MEN**, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are **being BUILT up a spiritual HOUSE, a holy PRIESTHOOD**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

• **Ephesians 2:20** “Having been \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Isaiah 53:3** “He is despised and \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was \_\_\_\_\_ and we did not esteem Him.”

• **I Corinthians 3:10-11** “For no other \_\_\_\_\_ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Acts 4:10-12** “Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘\_\_\_\_\_ which was \_\_\_\_\_ by you builders, which has become the chief \_\_\_\_\_.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

• **John 4:21-22** “Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will \_\_\_\_\_ on this mountain, \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem (at the temple), \_\_\_\_\_ the Father. You \_\_\_\_\_ what you do not know; we know what we worship, for \_\_\_\_\_ is of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “SALVATION is of the JEWS”** — God originally gave the knowledge of Himself and the way of salvation to Abraham and his descendants through his son, Isaac, which descendants later became known as the Jewish people, or the nation of Israel. However, by the time of Jesus, the Jews had failed to do what God originally intended for them to do. God had wanted the Jewish nation to reach the Gentile peoples with the knowledge about Himself, but instead they selfishly kept it to themselves. Eventually, the Jews, as a nation, became so hardened towards God, that **they REJECTED their own Messiah.**

• **John 19:12-15** “From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the \_\_\_\_\_ cried out, saying, “If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a \_\_\_\_\_ speaks against Caesar.” When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought \_\_\_\_\_ out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the \_\_\_\_\_, “\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_!” But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! \_\_\_\_\_ Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_?” The chief priests answered, “We have \_\_\_\_\_ king but Caesar!”

**Definition: “Being BUILT up a spiritual HOUSE, a holy PRIESTHOOD”** – This “spiritual HOUSE” is also called in Ephesians 2:21-22 “the whole building”, and “a holy temple” and “a habitation of God in the Spirit.” “HABITATION” means a dwelling place, a residence. **We, as Christians all together, as the Body of Christ, are also the temple or dwelling place of God's Holy Spirit. God no longer has a physical temple here on earth, as the nation of Israel had in the Old Testament.** The New Testament dwelling place of God is in His Believers, both collectively and individually. God dwells in us

by His Holy Spirit. We are also “**a holy PRIESTHOOD**” to God. In the Old Testament, and in many religions today, a priest would have to go before God on behalf of the people. We no longer need a priest of any kind, as each one of us, as Believers in Jesus Christ, are priests and a “priesthood”, and **we can come before God on our own. We do not need another person to pray for us or come before God on our behalf.**

• **I Corinthians 6:19** “Or do you not know that your \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, who is in you, whom you have from \_\_\_\_\_, and you are not your own?”

• **Ephesians 2:21-22** “In whom the whole \_\_\_\_\_, being joined together, grows into a holy \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, in whom you also are being \_\_\_\_\_ together for a \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the Spirit.”

• **John 14:23** “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone \_\_\_\_\_, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ to him and make Our \_\_\_\_\_ with him.’”

• **I Corinthians 3:16** “Do you not know that you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God dwells in you?”

• **II Corinthians 6:16** “And what agreement has the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with idols? For you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ God. As God has said, ‘I will \_\_\_\_\_ in them and walk among them, I will be their God, and they shall be My \_\_\_\_\_.’”

• **I Peter 2:9** “But \_\_\_\_\_ are a chosen generation, a royal \_\_\_\_\_, a holy nation, His own special \_\_\_\_\_, that you may proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ of Him who called you out of \_\_\_\_\_ into His marvelous \_\_\_\_\_.”

6-8 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion (Israel) **a CHIEF CORNERSTONE**, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but **to those who are disobedient, ‘The STONE which the BUILDERS REJECTED** has become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE’, and ‘A STONE of STUMBLING and a rock of offense.’ They STUMBLE, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.”

• **Isaiah 28:16** “Therefore thus says the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_, a tried \_\_\_\_\_, a precious \_\_\_\_\_, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily.’”

• **Isaiah 8:14-15** “\_\_\_\_\_ will be as a sanctuary, but a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken.”

• **I Corinthians 1:23-24** “But we preach \_\_\_\_\_ crucified, to the \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

• **Psalms 118:22** “The \_\_\_\_\_ which the builders \_\_\_\_\_ has become the chief \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition:** “**To those who are DISOBEDIENT the STONE which the BUILDERS REJECTED has become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE**” – The original “builders” of God’s kingdom and plan of salvation were the Jews, the nation of Israel, but they, as a nation, failed to believe in Jesus as the promised Messiah, which means **they were “DISOBEDIENT to the word”** and God rejected them. Many individual Jews became believers in Jesus, and are still coming today, but God no longer works with them

as a nation. Jesus Christ has **“become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE”** of everything that God does or has planned. This is the same thing as in Colossians 1:17-18, where it says Jesus has “preeminence” over everything. Preeminence means FIRST PLACE. Also, the cornerstone of any building is what **holds it up** - the building would be unstable and come tumbling down if the cornerstone were removed or was faulty in any way. Jesus Christ is the basis and foundation of our salvation, and He is stable and will never fall or let us fall.

•**Romans 16:25-26** “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made manifest to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Colossians 1:17-18** “And He is \_\_\_\_\_ all things, and in Him \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_. And He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, who is the beginning, the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, that in \_\_\_\_\_ things He may have the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “In Him ALL THINGS CONSIST”** - All things consist is another way of saying **all things hold together**, so Jesus is the one who holds everything in the universe together. HE is the ONE WHO IS IN CONTROL of everything. He keeps the planets in their orbits and keeps them from flying off into space. Also, scientists don’t really know what holds atoms together, as the positive and negative parts should actually cause them to fly apart, so it is really Jesus who holds every atom together in your body, or on the earth, or in everything in the whole universe. Some Scripture verses also use the words “upholds all things”, which means **Jesus holds things together**, and also holds them up and keeps them safe. If Jesus can uphold the entire universe, He is surely capable of UPHOLDING your LIFE and helping you, too.

**Definition: “STONE of STUMBLING and a ROCK of OFFENSE”** — Putting your **trust in Jesus** to save you and **believing that what He did on the cross PAID FOR YOUR SINS** is so simple that many people **“stumble over it”** or cannot accept it. They want to be able to DO SOMETHING to EARN their own salvation, and they refuse to accept GOD’S WAY of salvation. Believing in Jesus for their salvation is an **OFFENSE to them, because it OFFENDS** their PRIDE. Some people reject Jesus altogether, but many want to INCLUDE Jesus in **their own system** of works, good deeds and religious ideas. By doing this they are **DISOBEDIENT to God’s word**, because God’s word says **salvation is by FAITH IN JESUS plus NOTHING ELSE!!**

•**Romans 9:31-33** “But \_\_\_\_\_, pursuing the law of righteousness, has \_\_\_\_\_ attained to (achieved) the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did \_\_\_\_\_ seek it by \_\_\_\_\_, but as it were, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. For they \_\_\_\_\_ at that stumbling \_\_\_\_\_. As it is written: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a \_\_\_\_\_ stone and a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.’”

9-10 But you are a chosen generation, **a royal PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of **Him who called you out of DARKNESS into His marvelous LIGHT; who once were NOT a PEOPLE but are NOW the PEOPLE of GOD**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

•**Hosea 1:9** “Then \_\_\_\_\_ said, ‘Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_; and I will not be your God.’”

•**Revelation 1:5-6** “And from \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the faithful witness, the

\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and \_\_\_\_\_ us from our \_\_\_\_\_ in His own \_\_\_\_\_, and has made us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

• **I Peter 2:5** “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a \_\_\_\_\_, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

**Definition: “Him who called you out of DARKNESS into His marvelous LIGHT”** – Before we were saved, **we were in the DARKNESS of sin and unbelief.** God miraculously brings us out of that darkness into His perfect LIGHT and LIFE in Jesus Christ when we BELIEVE in Him.

• **Ephesians 5:8** “For you were once \_\_\_\_\_, but now you are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ as children of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 13:12-13** “The \_\_\_\_\_ is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of \_\_\_\_\_, and let us put on the armor of \_\_\_\_\_. Let us \_\_\_\_\_ (conduct our lives) properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

• **Acts 26:17-18** “I will deliver you from the \_\_\_\_\_ people, as well as from the \_\_\_\_\_, to whom I now send you, to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, and to turn them from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, that they may receive \_\_\_\_\_ of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by \_\_\_\_\_ in Me (Jesus).”

• **I Thessalonians 5:4-5** “But you, brethren, are not in \_\_\_\_\_, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of \_\_\_\_\_ and sons of the \_\_\_\_\_. We are not of the \_\_\_\_\_ nor of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 5:16** “Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so shine before \_\_\_\_\_, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and glorify your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.”

• **I John 1:5-7** “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and in Him is no \_\_\_\_\_ at all. If we say that we have \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, and walk in \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ and do not practice the \_\_\_\_\_. But if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ as He is in the \_\_\_\_\_, we have fellowship with one another, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Who once were NOT a PEOPLE but are NOW the PEOPLE of GOD”** – This was originally spoken to the nation of Israel in the days of Hosea the prophet. The people of Israel had turned away from God and gone after idols and false gods and false religions. Now, God is speaking to the Gentiles, saying that although they (and WE) at one time were “NOT His people” they (and WE) can now become His own special people through faith in Jesus Christ.

• **Galatians 3:26** “For \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ of God through \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Cor. 6:17-18** “Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate,’ says the Lord, ‘And do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive \_\_\_\_\_, and I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be My \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_’, says the Lord Almighty.”

• **John 1:12** “But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Jesus), to \_\_\_\_\_ He gave the \_\_\_\_\_ to become \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, even to those who believe in \_\_\_\_\_.”

His name.