A CHOSEN PEOPLE

1 Peter 2:4–10

Key Verse: 2:9

1. How is Jesus described? (4) What does it mean that he is “the living Stone”? What ironic contrast can we find here?
2. What does it mean to “come to him”? (1–3) What happens to us when we do? (5) What does it mean to be “built into a spiritual house”? To “be a holy priesthood”? What are “spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God”? Why should we see our fellowship like this?
3. What Scripture does Peter first quote about Jesus? (6) What does God promise those who trust in him? What other two Scriptures does he quote? (7,8) What does the stone mean to those who believe? To those who don’t?
4. Read verse 9. How would these words comfort these exiled Christians? What does it mean to be “a chosen people”? “A royal priesthood”? “A holy nation”? “God’s special possession”? How and why should we see ourselves in this way? For what purpose does God call us, and why is this important? (9b)
5. What change does God bring into the lives of Christians? (10) What does it mean to not be a people, and then to be “the people of God”? To not receive mercy, and then to receive mercy? Why does Peter remind us of this?