

## 1 Peter:

### Privilege and Responsibilities

*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.”*

*<sup>7</sup> 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,”*

*and,*

*“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”<sup>[d]</sup>*

*They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.*

*<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> 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.*

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)

### Our Privileges:

- **We are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.**

*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Colossians 3:2-4 (NIV)

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and*

*rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.  
Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)*

- **We are a new \_\_\_\_\_ of people.**
- **We are God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup> and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup> So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. <sup>26</sup> Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."  
Acts 27:23-26 (NIV)*

### **Our Responsibilities:**

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.  
Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **His** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.  
Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)*

- **Offer our** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.  
Romans 12:1 (NIV)*

- **We are Ministers of** \_\_\_\_\_.

*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.  
2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV)*

*And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.  
Colossians 4:3 (NIV)*

