



A CHURCH FOR OUR TIMES

1 Peter 2: 4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - 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. 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.” 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.” They stumble because they disobey the message - which is also what they were destined for. 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. 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.

Authentic Community

But you are a chosen
people, a royal
priesthood, a holy
nation, God's special
possession

1 Peter 2:9



Adaptable Community

Neither do people
pour new wine into
old wineskins.

Matthew 9:17



Anointed Community

Once you were not a
people, but now you
are the people of God

1 Peter 2:10



Apostolic Community

And so, you
became a model to
all the believers in
Macedonia and
Achaia.

1 Thessalonians 1:7

