

1 Peter 2:4-5

Two Verses.....One Ton of Truth

When Believers Come to Our Savior as a Living Stone We as Little Living Stones are Active Components of His Visible Spiritual House (the C-Church) and 2: We Can Function as Holy Priests Who Have the Privilege of Offering Spiritual Sacrifices That are Acceptable to the True Living God

The Purpose Statement of 1 Peter (2:11-12)

As spiritual aliens/short-timers on Earth, Christians should not be controlled by our emotions/feelings but we should consistently live our faith centered on our Lord Jesus Christ so that unbelievers who slander us because we are believers will see the reality of Christ in our lives and ultimately glorify God by coming to Him in faith

1 Peter 2:4-5a in The New American Standard Bible

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house

1 Peter 2:4-5a in The Amplified Bible

Come to Him [the risen Lord] as to a living Stone which men rejected *and* threw away, but which is choice and precious in the sight of God. ⁵You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house

**As a Believer in Jesus Christ, I _____
Am Blessed to Be Able to Function as a Spiritual BUILDING BLOCK 2:4-5a**

And coming to Him
as to a (the unique/only one of its kind) Living (Resurrected Corner) Stone (1 Peter 2:6)

which has been rejected by men (1 Peter 2:7-8; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:4)
but (which) is choice and precious in the sight of God
(1): you also, as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house

When Believers Come to/Follow Our Savior (Through His Word) as a (the Unique) Living Foundation Stone (the Axis of All We Are) We as Little (Living Spiritual) Stones are Active Components of His Visible Spiritual House (the C-Church-All Colors, Countries/Cultures)

1 Peter 2:5b in the New American Standard Bible

You also are being built up...for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5b in The Amplified Bible

You are being built up...for a holy *and* dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable *and* pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

**As a Believer in Jesus Christ. I _____
Am Blessed to Be Able to Function as SANCTIFIED SACRIFICER 2:5b**

and (2): we are being built up for the purpose of functioning as a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

OT Priests (males/tribe of Levi/family of Aaron)

Offered up Physical/Animal and Grain Sacrifices in the Temple

NT Priests (believers in Christ-male/female of all colors/countries/cultures)

Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices of Our Hearts/Souls and Lives as Temples

Peter and Paul on the Same Page Again-as Romans 12:1-2 teaches us

“I urge you brethren based on the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and a holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your logikos (logical) service...”

When Believers Come to/Follow Our Savior (Through His Word) as a (the Unique) Living Stone (the Axis of All We Are) We Can Function as Holy Priests Who Have the Privilege of Offering Spiritual Sacrifices That are Acceptable to God.

Take This To Heart

And Then Out the Door Into Your Homes/Work/Play

Embrace the Opportunity and the Challenge to Be Visible Living Stones in the C-Church of Jesus Christ (and Not Just on Sunday AMs/Wednesday PMs); Relish the Opportunity and the Challenge to Offer Up Sacrifices to our Lord, Savior, God and Best Friend, the Lover of Our Souls and THE Once for All Salvific Sacrifice...our Lord Jesus Christ

Biblical Spirituality is not a spectator sport. It is an active expression of our faith in/our love for our Savior. The call to committed service in 1 Peter 2:4-5 should not be seen as a chore but as a calling, never be considered a pain but a privilege!

Think of It! God wanted us, God saved us and now God wants us to serve Him!