

Our Architect and Builder is God, Part 1

#GodAtWork! Communicants, Baptisms, Communion (We are Being Built into a Spiritual House and Priesthood) 1 Peter 2:4-10

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I. We Must "Come to Him" (vs. 4)

"As you come to him" (to taste of his goodness, vs. 3) Matthew 11:28 John 5:39-40

II. We come to Him, "By Faith in the Lord Jesus" (vs. 7) Acts 4:11-12 -He alone makes us acceptable to God! (vs 5)

-He alone is the perfect "cornerstone" (vs 7)

III. Those who come to him by faith in the Lord Jesus, are *Redefined* and *Repurposed* by God's *Grace* and *Mercy* (vs. 9-10)

God's Chosen People, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation, Special Possession to be built into a Spiritual House for Perpetual Praise (vs. 5)
A. God's Chosen People
B. Royal Priesthood
C. Holy Nation,
D. Special Possession ("Treasured") to be built into a Spiritual House for Perpetual Praise (vs. 5)

"That you might declare His praise..." (vs. 9)

IV. We are invited to Come to His Table

- A. By Faith
- B. In the Lord Jesus
- C. To Be Renewed (Redefined + Repurposed!)

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 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. 6 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."

7 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,"

8 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. 9 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. 10 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.

Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Acts 4:11-12 Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit....

11 Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected,

which has become the cornerstone.'

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Hebrews 11:10

For he (Abraham) was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Matthew 16:13-15

13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." 15 When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.