

Sermon Guide – May 7, 2023

Read 1 Peter 2:2-10.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.^[a]

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built^[b] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,^[c]

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,^[d] in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

What experiences have you had with rocks? Positive or negative experiences? Or some of both?

Peter encourages us to become like living stones. What does that mean to you?

Pastor Cindy lifts up Peter's phrase from verse 5: “like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...” Let yourself, allow yourself to be used by God for God's purposes. How do you feel about that calling? To what has God called you? To what IS God calling you?