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5. Are the vices of 2:1 primarily attitudes of the heart or outward actions? Why do you think so? Which of these do you need to rid yourself of, starting today?

6. Observe everything Peter says about Jesus in 2:4-8, even seemingly trivial things. Write down what you observe.

7. We Christians are “like living stones” being built into a “spiritual house” (1:5). What does this image imply about how you should view yourself, other Christians, and the Church as a whole?

8. In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?

9. Reflect on what it means to be “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God” (2:9). What does this identity imply about your relationship toward God, your purpose in life, your relationships with other Christians and with unbelievers?

Sermon Notes

“Born Again to Work Together”

1 Peter 1:22 – 2:10

October 11, 2015

Introduction:

1. Contrast the experience of “those who disbelieve” with “those who believe” (2:7).

**2. Genuinely and Fervently _____
(1:22; 2:1).**

**3. Cooperatively and Compassionately _____
_____ (2:5,9).**

| <u>"those who disbelieve"</u> | <u>"those who believe"</u> |
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| Christ is rejected by men (2:4) | The word of God was preached to you (1:25) |
| They stumble and are offended by Christ (2:8) | You were born again (1:23) |
| They are disobedient to the word (2:8) | You were called out of darkness into God's marvelous light (2:9) |
| They remain in darkness (2:9), not a people of God, not having received his mercy (2:10) | You tasted the kindness of the Lord (2:3) |
| | You came to Christ (2:4) and believed in Him (2:6) |
| | You found Christ to be choice and precious (2:4, 7) and were not disappointed (2:6) |
| | You obeyed the truth (1:22) |
| | Your souls were purified (1:22) |
| | You grow in respect to salvation as you consume the word (2:2) |
| | You received mercy, and were made part of the people of God (2:10) |
| | You became part of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (2:9) |
| | Together with other believers, you are a worshipping community offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (2:5) proclaiming his excellencies (2:9) |

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-11-15

Questions adapted from 1 Peter: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1986, pp. 40-57; Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Hopeful, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL, 1982, p. 147; John MacArthur, 1 & 2 Peter: Courage in Times of Trouble, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN, 2007, pp. 13-20.

Getting Started:

1. When under the stress of difficult situations, do you prefer to unwind with people or alone?

How does the presence of other people help or hinder?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Peter 1:22 – 2:10. What do you think Peter's main point is in 1:22? Paraphrase this verse.
3. Optional Application: Think of a Christian brother or sister who is difficult for you to love. Through prayer, seek ways of living sincere (unhypocritical, unpretended), Christ-like love toward that person. How could you tangibly show love for that Christian this week?
4. Write the meaning of each vice listed in 2:1. (Consult a dictionary if necessary.)

malice

deceit

hypocrisy