

Building Strong Spiritual Lives

1 Peter 2:4-12

I. Jesus is the Foundation for Our Lives

A. He is a Living Stone (2:4)

1. He has been rejected by people
2. He has been chosen by God

B. He is the Capstone (2:6).

1. The stone that holds an arch in place.
2. Jesus is the main support of who we are.
3. Jesus is the foundation of God's kingdom.

II. Believers as Living Stones (2:5)

A. A Spiritual House

B. Purpose: to be a Holy Priesthood

C. Purpose of Our Priesthood: to offer Spiritual Sacrifice

D. We are chosen to belong to God (2:9-10)

III. How to Build our House

A. Unbelievers are Stumbling Builders (2:7-8)

B. Believers Find in Jesus Resources for Living (2:11-12)

1. As aliens and strangers in the world
2. Abstain from sinful desires which wage against our soul
3. Live so good that no one can see wrong in you
4. Live so as to give God the glory