# God Forever

**God's Forever Kingdom (Part 2)**
1 Peter 2:4-10
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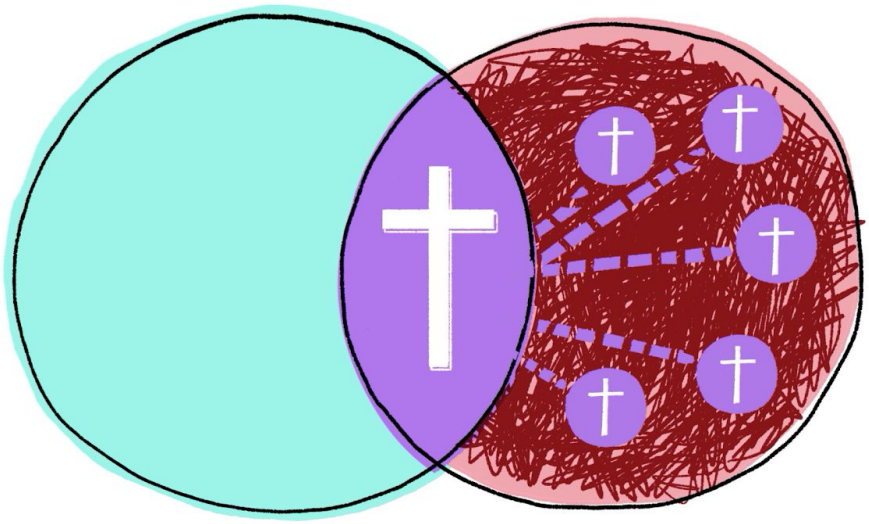
**1 Peter 2:4-10**
As you come to him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
For in Scripture it says:
"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."
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,”
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.
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. 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.

<u>GOD’S BUILDING PROJECT (with stones)</u>
The Stone is a Person
The Stone is Chosen
The Stone is Rejected
The Stone is Precious

<u>We (Christ followers) are living stones (plural)</u>
We are chosen
We are rejected
We are precious (to God)

What is God building?
A TEMPLE



“The connection between ‘the good news’ and the kingdom of God is obscured for Christians by the use of the Greek word Christ for Messiah throughout our translations of the New Testament. Every time we come across the phrase ‘Jesus Christ,’ instead of hearing ‘Jesus, the King who was promised to Israel,’ all we hear is ‘Jesus’ followed by a meaningless syllable. For most, probably, the phrase means ‘Jesus, who saves me from my sins.’ This is certainly true, but it falls short of saying, ‘Jesus, the Ruler of the whole new order of life, who has delivered me so that I can be a part of it.’”

- Richard Lovelace, *Renewal as a Way of Life*