

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:1-9

# 1 Peter 2:5-9

“...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.<sup>9</sup> 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.

# Sermon Topic: The chosen

4 questions  
of life...

Who am I?  
Origin

Why am I  
here?  
Meaning /  
purpose

What is  
right and  
wrong?  
Morality

What  
happens  
when I die?  
Destiny

Identity reminder...

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**“Never put  
your identity**

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**in something  
you can lose”**

# Identity...

Our Identity  
stolen

Our Identity  
distorted

Our Identity  
redeemed

Our Identity  
embraced



# Our Identity stolen

- A stolen identity means
  - Someone is trying to benefit from your labor
  - Someone is trying to destroy your reputation
  - Someone is trying to keep you from your purpose

# Our Identity distorted

- A distorted identity means
  - When we worship the gift over the gift giver
  - When we use our gift for selfish purposes
  - When we allow the wrong people in our lives
  - When we lack humility



# Our Identity redeemed

- A redeemed identity
  - Means I don't have to fake it anymore
  - Means I can be who God called me to be
  - Means I look more like Jesus every day

# Our Identity embraced

- Embracing your identity in Christ
  - Know who you are in Christ
  - Know where to get affirmation
  - Surround yourself with likeminded people
  - Confess daily