

1 Peter 2: 4-10 – Foundations of the Lay Apostolate

“^{4a} Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, ^{5b} and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it says in scripture:

*“ ^c Behold I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and whosoever believes in it shall not be put to
shame.”*

^{7a} Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

*“ The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”*

^{8e} and

*“ A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.”*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

^{9f} But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

*^{10g} Once you were “no people”
but now you are God’s people;
you “had not received mercy”
but now you have received mercy.*

a Psalm 118: 22, Matthew 21: 42, Acts 4: 11.

b Ephesians 2: 21-22.

c Isaiah 28:16.

d Psalm 118: 22, Matthew 21: 42, Acts 4: 11.

e Isaiah 8: 14, Romans 9: 33.

f Exodus 19 : 6, Isaiah 61 : 6.

g Hosea 1 : 9, 2 : 25.