

Hopeful Exiles

1 Peter



1 Peter 2:1-12

The Cornerstone is the Core



**1 So put away all malice and all deceit and
hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like
newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual
milk, that by it you may grow up into
salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that
the Lord is good.**



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men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,
5 you yourselves like living stones are being built
up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.**



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and whoever believes in him will not be put
to shame.”**



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“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.



9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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Is Jesus your Cornerstone?



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- Chosen Race



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- Chosen Race
- Royal Priesthood
- Holy Nation



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- Chosen Race
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- Holy Nation
- God's People under God's Mercy



Our Core Identity

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- Chosen Race
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- Sojourners and Exiles



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- Grow



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- Do Good Deeds and Live Honorably
- Proclaim His Excellencies



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