

**THE DIFFERENCE**

**MAKING**

**DIFFERENCE**





## ***1 Peter 2:1-11***

***So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, <sup>3</sup> now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.***

***<sup>4</sup> You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.***

***<sup>5</sup> And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests.***



## **1 Peter 2:1-11**

**Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup> As the Scriptures say,**

**“I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”**

**<sup>7</sup> Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, “The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.”**

**<sup>8</sup> And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.”**

**They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.**



## ***1 Peter 2:1-11***

***<sup>9</sup> But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.***

***<sup>10</sup> "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."***

***<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.***



# GET INTO THE WORD

***1 Peter 1:24-25***

***“People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord remains forever.” And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.***



# GET INTO THE WORD

***1 Peter 2:2***

***Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment***

# GET INTO THE WORD

**Peter is saying that we need to develop a strong desire for the word of God.**



# GET INTO THE WORD

**"Nobody ever outgrows  
scripture; the book  
widens and deepens with  
our years."**

**Charles Spurgeon**





# GET INTO THE WORD

**"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one that makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that."**

**James McCosh**





# GET INTO THE WORD

***1 Peter 2:8***

***They stumble because they do not listen to God's word or obey it..***



# STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST

## *Living Stones*

***1 Peter 2:4-5***

***You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.***

***5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.***



# STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST

## *Living Stones*

***Matthew 16:18***

***Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.***



# STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST

## *A Royal Priesthood*

***1 Peter 2:5***

***What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.***

# STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST

**Give yourself a new label:  
You are a rock. A living  
stone. Part of God's temple.  
You are priest. A bridge  
builder. You belong to  
God...**





# STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST

## *A Royal Priesthood*

***1 Peter 2:9***

***But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.***

# STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST

Stay connected to  
Christ. Know who you  
are in him.







# BE A STRANGER TO DANGER

***1 Peter 2:11***

***Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.***

# BE A STRANGER TO DANGER

**Sinful desire wages war against your soul, and if you give desire free reign, it can take you out of the battle.**





# BE A STRANGER TO DANGER

***1 Peter 2:12***

***Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.***

# BE A STRANGER TO DANGER

Don't let unfounded  
accusations prevent  
you from doing good.

