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⁴As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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."

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why do you think Christ is termed the "Living Stone"? What other figurative speech is used to describe Christ? Discuss.
- 2. The passage calls us "living stones": what do you think that means? How can we be more like Christ the Living Stone?

3. Do you see yourself as part of the "spiritual house" that God is building? What do you think that means for you that you are to be "joined" together with other "living stones"?

4. What do you think are the "spiritual sacrifices" which we are called to offer up to God as a holy priesthood? (refer to Rom 12:1-2)

5. How are we to live a life that declares the praises of God (v.9)? What is stopping us from doing this?