

Offering Spiritual Sacrifices

I Peter 2:4-10

After Peter has given us the ground for our praise to God, the mercy He has shown us through Jesus Christ, and encouraged us to live a life of holiness and love, Peter reminds us that we are being built into a spiritual house with Jesus Christ Himself as the cornerstone so that we may offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ and declare the praises of God.

I. The Living Stone

A. Peter's Confession (Matt. 16:13)

B. The Old Testament Quotations

a. The Cornerstone (Isa. 28:16) and the Capstone (Ps. 118:22)

b. A stumbling stone (Isa. 8:14) and a scandalous rock (Isa. 8:14)

II. The Two Houses

A. The Church

B. The World

III. The Purpose of the Spiritual House

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B. Declaring the Praises of God