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REDEEMER WEEKLY

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“BUILT BY MERCY, CHOSEN FOR GLORY”

1 PETER 2:2-10



There is a sweetness in the gospel that is meant to be tasted deeply. In 1 Peter 2:2-10, the Apostle Peter reminds believers that the Christian life is sustained by the sovereign grace of God from beginning to end. Peter begins with the image of a newborn child:

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation” (1 Peter 2:2).

Just as a newborn instinctively hungers for nourishment, the believer who has encountered Christ begins to desire Him. Peter roots this desire in experience:

“If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good” (1 Peter 2:3).

Those who have tasted the mercy of God continue to hunger for His Word, growing in holiness as they are nourished by His truth.

Peter then shifts to the image of construction:

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4).

Jesus Christ is the living cornerstone of God’s eternal building project. Though rejected by men, He was chosen and exalted by the Father. Peter declares that believers themselves are now being built upon Him:

“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:5).

God takes sinners, makes them alive in Christ, and joins them together as His spiritual house and holy priesthood. Through Christ, believers have access to God and offer worship as those who have received mercy.

The heart of the passage shines brightly in verses 9 and 10:

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession.”

What glorious language of grace. Believers are chosen by God, brought near through Christ, and made His treasured people. Why has God done this?

“That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

Salvation leads to proclamation. God rescues sinners so that His glory may be displayed through transformed lives.

Peter closes with one of the clearest summaries of redemption in Scripture:

“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” (1 Peter 2:10).

That is the heartbeat of the gospel: mercy received. Because of mercy, believers hunger for the Word, are built into God’s spiritual house, and belong to Him forever. The church is built by God Himself, upheld by His grace, and founded securely upon Christ alone, the living stone, chosen and precious.

THE TRUTH ABOUT MORALITY AND SINCERITY

BILL PARKER

As sinners saved by God's grace in Christ and blessed with ALL spiritual blessings in Christ, we ought to strive to be moral and sincere in all things we say and do for the glory of God in Christ. We also ought to encourage and promote morality among those who are yet lost and unregenerate, knowing that it is better for us to live in a society where people seek to be law-abiding and charitable towards one another rather than one where people are criminal and totally selfish. But here is the most important truth that we as God's witnesses on earth must try to make clear. Our morality and sincerity do not make up or contribute to our righteousness before God. This accomplishment and distinction go only to Christ, the Lord our Righteousness. We agree with King David who described "the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works" (Rom. 4:6). Also, our morality and sincerity cannot give us spiritual life or purify our hearts before God. Only God can create within His people a clean heart, a heart purified by the Spirit's application of the blood of Christ through God-given faith in Him (Ezek. 36:26-27; John 1:12-13). Man by nature thinks that if he sincerely tries to do his best, he will be right with God and enter heaven's glory. But the reality is that no amount of morality as judged by men and no degree of sincerity can accomplish what Christ alone has done for and in His people in salvation. It is all of God's grace based upon Christ's obedience unto death. And when it comes to God's judgment, all who appear before Him and plead their morality and sincerity as recommending them to God will be sadly astonished to hear Him "profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:23). The truth about man's natural morality and sincerity is that, in his natural depravity (spiritual death and unbelief), all that he does that appears to be moral and sincere in man's sight is sin, iniquity and dead works in God's sight.

Art in the Annex

An evening of painting, creativity, and fellowship

Tuesday, May 26, 7 PM
Redeemer Church
768 State Route 220, Piketon, Ohio 45661

Ages 10 & up. All skill levels welcome.
Canvas, supplies & light refreshments provided.

The Church at Worship
Sunday May 10, 2025
11:30 AM



Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

#Hymn 152 “To God Be The Glory”

Psalm ReadingGreg Flannery

#Hymn 45 “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

Sermon Jason Boothe

Hymn 162 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Closing Prayer Keith Boothe

2026
HOMECOMING
Celebration
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REDEEMER CHURCH
of
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 **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026**
11:30 AM

Join us
AS WE CELEBRATE THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD.

 A FELLOWSHIP DINNER
WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE.

Preaching By
**PASTOR
JASON BOOTHE**

GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS! LAMENTATIONS 3:23

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-CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL-

BUILT BY GOD'S MERCY

1 PETER 2:2-10

Have you ever watched a baby drink milk from a bottle? Babies become hungry because they are growing. They need nourishment every day. In our Scripture passage, Peter says: "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk" (1 Peter 2:2).

Peter teaches us that Christians should desire God's Word the way a baby desires milk. When God saves us and gives us new life in Jesus Christ, He also gives us a growing love for Him. As we read the Bible, pray, worship, and learn about Jesus, we grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

Peter also tells us that Jesus is the "living stone" chosen and precious to God. A cornerstone is the most important stone in a building because everything else is built around it. Jesus is the foundation of our lives. God is building His church through Jesus Christ.

Peter says believers are "living stones." That means every Christian is part of God's spiritual house. God lovingly places each believer exactly where they belong. Every child, parent, grandparent, and church member who trusts in Christ is part of the family of God.

What a wonderful gift that is!

Then Peter gives believers some beautiful names:

- A chosen people
- A royal priesthood
- A holy nation
- God's own possession

These words remind us that God loves His people and calls them His own. Through Jesus, we belong to God forever. Peter explains why God saves His people:

"That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

God calls us to tell others about His goodness and grace. We can do this by speaking kindly, helping others, obeying God's Word, and telling people about Jesus. The passage ends with a beautiful reminder:

"Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Peter 2:10).

Mercy means God shows love and kindness to sinners through Jesus Christ. Because of God's mercy, we are forgiven, loved, and welcomed into His family.

Think About It

- Do you spend time reading God's Word each day?
- How can you tell others about Jesus this week?
- What are some ways God has shown mercy and kindness to you?

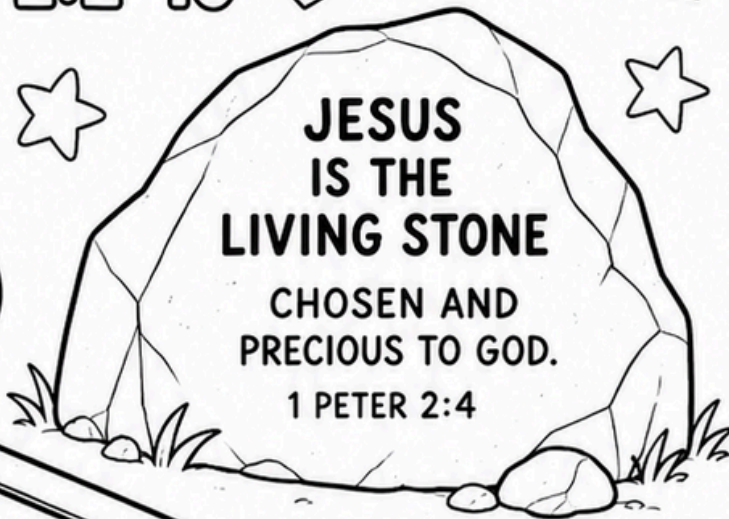
BUILT BY GOD'S MERCY, CHOSEN FOR GLORY!

♡ 1 PETER 2:2-10 ♡



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

1 PETER 2:2



**JESUS
IS THE
LIVING STONE**

**CHOSEN AND
PRECIOUS TO GOD.**

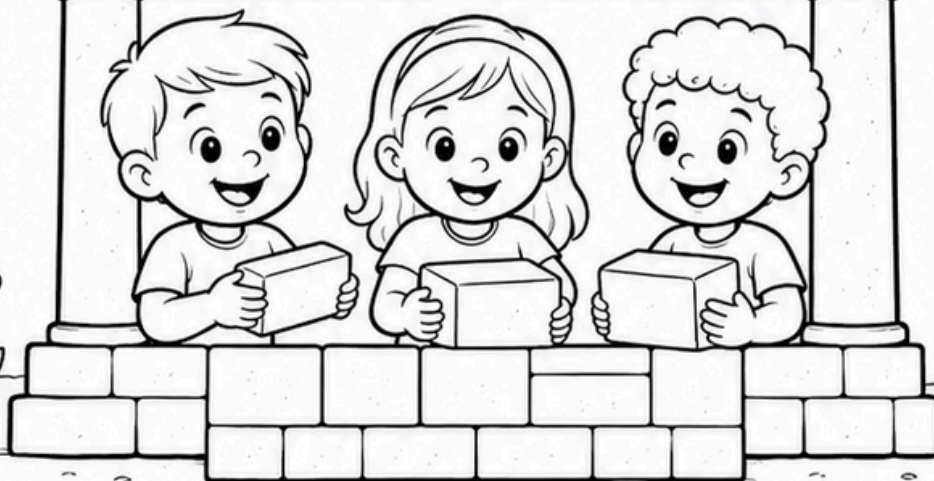
1 PETER 2:4

**BUILT TOGETHER
BY GOD**



**YOU
ARE BEING
BUILT UP AS
A SPIRITUAL
HOUSE.**

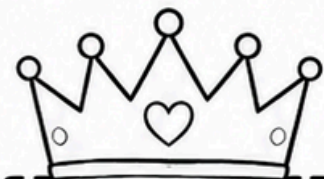
1 PETER 2:5



WE ARE:

- A CHOSEN PEOPLE
- A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD
- A HOLY NATION
- GOD'S OWN POSSESSION

1 PETER 2:9



**TO PROCLAIM THE
EXCELLENCIES OF HIM
WHO CALLED US OUT OF
DARKNESS INTO HIS
MARVELOUS LIGHT.**

1 PETER 2:9

**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.**

1 PETER 2:10



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

BLESSING BOX FOOD BANK

HELP OUR COMMUNITY!



DONATE CANNED GOODS!

-  Canned Fruits & Vegetables
-  Soups & Stews
-  Pasta & Rice (optional boxed item listed for completeness)
-  Canned Meats & Fish
-  Canned Soups
-  Canned Meats
-  Canned Beans
-  Canned Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce.

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED!
SPREAD KINDNESS & HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED.



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