

Standing Firm: study of 1 Peter
“How to Live for Jesus in a Dark World”
1 Peter 2:4-12
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I have to know who I am and what I have in Jesus Christ
Before I will know what to do for Jesus Christ.

1. I am called into Christ.

...called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9b

7 BENEFITS OF OUR SALVATION

(a) we are united with Christ.

⁴ As 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. . . . 1 Peter 2:4-5a

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone,”

1 Peter 2:6a

(b) we have fellowship with Christ.

⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house. . . . 1 Peter 2:5b

(c) we have access are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, 1 Peter 2:5c

(d) our sacrifices are acceptable to God.

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. 1 Peter 2:5d

(e) we have confidence before God.

⁶ “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.” 1 Peter 2:6

(f) we belong to Jesus.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, 1 Peter 2:9a

(g) we receive mercy in Christ.

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. 1 Peter 2:10

2. I am called to tell the world what Christ has done.

⁹ . . . that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9b

3. I am called to live morally good among my unbelieving neighbors so they may see Jesus.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹⁵ For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 1 Peter 2:11-12, 15

◆ Kalos (kä-lo’s): good; honest; beautiful; excellent; beautiful because of purity of heart and life; so praiseworthy

Discussion Questions

1. What was your Take-Away from Sunday’s message? Why did this stand out to you?
2. Who is someone you think of when you think of what it means to be a Christian?
3. Of the “7 Benefits of our Salvation” Pastor outlined from 1 Peter 2:4-10, which one(s) mean the most to you? Why? Be specific.
4. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12. What message does my life, as-is, send to people around me?
5. What are you already doing that not just tells, but shows people God’s goodness? What can you do differently to lead more people to Jesus?
6. What would it take for you to start living like you’re a “pastor on call” this week? What difference would that make in your life?
7. What’s one thing you’ll follow through with tomorrow in order to show God’s love?