

An Awesome God – A Blessed People

1 Peter 2:3-10

What does it mean to be highly esteemed by God?

1. It means that in Christ we are a part of God's spiritual house, the church, His family. (1 Peter 2:4-5)
 - A. We can come to Christ continually. (vs 3)
 - Christ is the living stone
 - the living water John 4:10-14
 - the living bread John 6:51
 - the living way Hebrews 10:20
 - He gives us the living Spirit 1 Corinthians 15:45
 - B. As a part of God's family we have a purpose (vs 5)
 1. Each is shaped to fit perfectly into God's building.
 2. Each collectively is a holy priesthood.
2. It means that in Christ we will never regret our decision. 1 Peter 2:6-8
 - A. Since we trust in Him we cannot be defeated.
 - B. This is one reason Christ is so highly valued by believers.
 - C. To the world He has been examined and tossed aside –
3. It means that in Christ we finally have identity. 1 Peter 2:9-10
 - A. We belong.
 1. A chosen people
 2. A royal priesthood
 3. A holy nation
 4. A people belonging to God
 - B. That you may declare God's heroic acts on your behalf.
 - C. Don't forget He called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.
 - D. Before Christ you were nobody. Now you are a child of God
 - E. Before Christ you lived without mercy. Now you have received mercy.