

Salvation is More Than an _____(vv. 1-3)

Identity of the Church: God's Building Project (vv. 4-6, 9)

The Church as the New _____ (vv. 5-6, 9)

- Characteristics of a Temple: (1) Place where God and man can dwell together, and (2) after the Fall, the place where sacrifice is made.
- Series of Temples: Eden, Tabernacle, Jerusalem Temple Jesus

Because (1) God and man dwell perfectly in the Person of Jesus, and (2) because of the perfection of Jesus' sacrifice, Jesus perfects what the previous temples merely foreshadowed.

"Without the cornerstone which is Christ, I do not see how men can be built into a house of God, to contain God dwelling in them..." - Augustine, *Letters 187.31*

- Church as the Temple: (1) Christians are those in whom God dwells (1 Cor. 6:19); (2) the church is called to offer "spiritual sacrifices." (1 Pet. 2:5)

Union with Christ in 1 Peter 2			
	Election	Rejection	Resurrection
Jesus	A chosen Cornerstone (v. 4, 6)	Rejected by the people (v. 4)	Honored Cornerstone (v. 6)
Church	A chosen race (v. 9)	Rejected by the world (v. 1:6)	Honor for believers (v. 7)

The Church as God's _____ People (vv. 5, 9)

- "Chosen Race" (Isa. 43:18-21)
- "Holy Nation" (Ex. 19:5-6)
- "A People for His Possession" (Deut. 7:6-9)

Purpose of the Church (vv. 9 -10)

"... you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, *to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*" (v. 5)

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, *that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*" (v. 9)

The Stone to _____ Over (vv. 7-8)