



STUDY NOTES – AUGUST 18, 2019

Sermon Series: “*First Peter: Stand Firm*”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.

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Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-8

1. The believer’s destiny (Vs. 4-7a)

1 Peter 2:4–7 (ESV) — 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 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. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe...

How to respond to rejection from unbelievers:

1. Identify why you're being rejected. (Because of self or Christ?)
2. Understand that your feelings aren't always a reflection of the truth.
3. Determined to rejoice in your rejection for Christ.
4. Do the uncommon thing by moving toward unbelievers who reject you.
5. Always keep your manners.

2. The unbeliever’s destiny (Vs. 7b-8)

1 Peter 2:7–8 (ESV) — 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

- Life lesson: Understand the tragic destiny of unbelievers.

Why would a loving God send anyone to hell forever?

1. A loving God must also be just.
2. Without Christ, we are far worse than we can imagine.
3. God does not unilaterally “send” anyone to hell, rather, humans are personally responsible for rejecting God.
4. God has given all people evidence of His existence and character.
5. Unbelievers willingly suppress the truth and refuse to obey God.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday’s passage: 1 Peter 2:4-8
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Have you ever been rejected because of your faith in Christ?
 - Share the circumstances.
 - How did you feel when you were rejected?
 - How were you able to return to a place of peace following the rejection?
 - What advice would you give to a new believer who was being rejected by their former friends, spouse, parent etc.?
- 2. Why is it so difficult for many people to accept hell as the destiny of nonbelievers?
 - Why is it so important for us to fully understand the truth of hell?
 - How does the reality of hell affect you in your efforts to share the gospel?
 - What would you to someone who said their relative never trusted Christ, however, they were good person, so they should be in heaven?
- 3. During your small group prayer, take some time to give thanks to God for saving you from hell.
 - Also, pray specifically for those you know who don’t have faith in Christ.

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