

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 2:1-10

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“The Anointing Of His Word” – Part 2

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 2:1-10

What Does The Word “Anointing” Mean?

A special and often understood to be, a divine touch or covering. To be anointed as a Royal would be to have the powers and privileges of a kingdom realm placed upon you and before. To be both the Supreme Ruler as well as the model Subject.

1 John 2:20,27

But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and you know all things., **27** But the **anointing** which you have received from Him abides in you, and you need not that anyone teach you; but as the same **anointing** teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

The Power and The Work of the Holy Spirit in The Life of The Believer...

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The Anointing Of His Word

1 Peter 2:1-10

Therefore, laying aside all malice all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, **desire** the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, **3** if indeed you have **tasted** that the Lord is gracious.

:4 **Coming to Him** as to a **living stone**, **rejected** indeed by men, but **chosen** by God and precious, **5** you also, as **living stone(s)**, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God **through** Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, *“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”*

:7 **Therefore**, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, *“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,”* **8** and *“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”* They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. :9 But you are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, His own **special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

The Anointing Of His Word

1.) Is a declaration of war

vs. 1-3

1 Therefore, laying aside all **malice** (you will no longer be needing this), all **deceit**, (you will no longer be needing this), **hypocrisy**, **envy**, and all **evil speaking**, **2 as newborn babes**, **desire** the **pure milk of the word**, that you may grow thereby, **3** if indeed you have **tasted** that the Lord is **gracious**.

The Anointing Of His Word

2.) Is a ministry of power

vs. 4-6

The Anointing Of His Word Is a ministry of power

2a.) We have an open door to all grace

vs. 4

4 Coming to Him (1) as to a **Living Stone**, (2) **rejected** indeed by men, But (3) **chosen** by God and (4) **precious**

There is a powerful Old Testament Image here

In the days of the Old Testament the high priest would wear **12 precious** stones that were fastened to his chest / heart representing the **12 tribes** of Israel.

Once the stones were placed upon the high priest there was an active **living representation** of the people before God through the high priest.

From here, Peter draws a picture for us that we can come to him who not only is our priest, he's one of us – representing us unlike any other priest could.

This “**Coming to Him as to a living stone,**”
Is all predicated upon the reality of...

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find **grace** to help in time of need.

Coming grk: proserchomai; to draw near. to come towards. to go to Him

Jeremiah 29:13-14a

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
14a I will be found by you, says the Lord,

It's us acting upon His Availability / the Opportunity / The Open Door.

OBSERVATION:

Coming to Him who is as a **Living Stone** (not Mt. Sinai) that is **alive** and not like the **Stone Commandments**

(Verse 4)

(2) **rejected** indeed by men,
But (3) **chosen** by God and (4) **precious**

Rejected grk: apodokimazo; to turn away from. to disallow or to not allow. To refuse someone your attention

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus gives the parable that exposes the heart of the religious leaders of ancient Israel. Because of their wealth, power and influence they become jealous of Jesus, and their jealousy led them to hatred.

Luke 19:14

But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying,
“We will not have this man to reign over us.”

to allow Jesus Christ to reign over me is exactly what I need

Chosen grk: eklektos; the Appointed One. The One that is and is to be...

Precious grk: entimos; valued, begotten, placed, set, - everything

The Anointing Of His Word Is a ministry of power

2b.) We have the ministry of His priesthood

vs. 5

5 you also, as **living stones**, are being built up (*into*) a **spiritual house**, a **holy priesthood**, to offer up (*this is what we do*) **spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God **through** Jesus Christ.

Living Stones grk: lithos; a prim. word; a stone: —another(4), millstone*(1), stone(38), stone's(1), stones(15). We get the word Litho or Lithograph from this word - meaning to take what is on the stone and print it on the surface of leather or paper for display or distribution. With a legal or public intent in mind.

But How Can We Do This?

Psalms 37:3-7

(1) **Trust** in the Lord, and (2) **do** good; (3) **Dwell** in the land, and (4) **feed** on His faithfulness. 4 (5) **Delight** yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 (6) **Commit** your way to the Lord, (7) **Trust** also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. 7 (8) **Rest** in the Lord, and (9) **wait** patiently for Him;

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to **give your bodies** to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice**—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to (true) worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you** into a new person (how?) by **changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

“By changing the way Jack thinks” I must encourage the people here

Spiritual house grk: pneumatikos; referring to the things of the Holy Spirit. To be Air-Powered or Air-Driven.

holy priesthood hierateuma; a priesthood that (1) presents God to the people (showing and being “Jesus-Like” to others) and (2) representing the people before God (expressed prayer, pondering the need and situation of others before the Lord)

**Peter, perhaps like no other New Testament writer,
Graphs the Church right into the Old Testament Scriptures**

Exodus 19:6

And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.** These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Spiritual sacrifices grk: thusia; (thu-see-ah) from 2380; *a sacrifice*: — sacrifice(14), sacrifices(14).

The Anointing Of His Word Is a ministry of power

2c.) We have the benefits of His victory

vs. 6

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, **precious**, and **he who believes on Him** will by no means be put to **shame.**”

Peter quotes here from

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act **hastily** (need not be shaken, agitated, hurried).

will by no means be put to shame.”

(but what does it mean to be “put to shame?”)

shame grk: kataischuno; will not be **mocked**, will suffer no **disappoint**, no disgraces, no humiliation.

Keep your head up and your eyes on Jesus alone
Because every “disappointment” of your life today is being used by God to
make you a more mature child of God. **And in the End, you will not be
mocked, disappointed, humiliated, shamed.**

The Anointing Of His Word

3.) Is the separation of us from this world	vs. 7-10
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The Anointing Of His Word Is the separation of us from this world

3a.) We have turned our back on this world	vs. 7-8
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7 Therefore, to you who **believe**, He is **precious**;
BUT to those who are **disobedient**, *“The stone which the builders rejected has
become the chief cornerstone,” 8* and *“A stone of stumbling and a rock of
offense.”* They **stumble**, being **disobedient** to the word,
to which they also were **appointed**.

The first Century world of the early church was marked by...

<p>“A barrage of verbal abuse designed to demean, discredit, and shame the believers as social and moral deviants who endangered the common good of the people. This procedure of public shaming was employed as a means of social control with the aim of pressuring the minority Christians into conformity and acceptance of the prevailing values, standards and conduct of the day.”</p>

British Historian - J.H. Elliott

It’s not that we’ve turned our backs on this world

because we do not care about this world – it means we’ve turned our
backs on it because **we are now heading in the opposite direction**
of this world. Opposite in logic, spirit and the agendas of this world.
Opposite of its sad ending.

Peter quoting the Old Testament – draws from

Psalm 118:22

Mark 12:10

Have you not even read this Scripture: “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
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1 Corinthians 1:22-23

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

How did they stumble?

They stumbled at the hearing of the **Gospel message of the Cross**, they willfully decided to remain in their unbelief toward Jesus Christ.

Why did they stumble?

Because Jesus and His **Gospel message of the Cross** was offensive to them - an embarrassment.

(vs 7) **Therefore**, to you who **believe**, He is **precious**;

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, **but to us** who are being saved it is the power of God.

(vs 8) and “*A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.*” They **stumble**, being **disobedient** to the word, to which they also were **appointed**.

Isaiah 8:14-15

He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. **15** and many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken.”

Notice what the Author of the Bible, the Holy Spirit is saying;

Isaiah declares that unbelieving **Israel** will stumble and fall. However Peter is applying it to both Israel and **anyone** who would stumble over the gospel Rock of Jesus Christ.

The Anointing Of His Word Is the separation of us from this world

3b.) We have entered into our new identity vs. 9-10

:**9** But you are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, His own **special people**, (*why?*) that you may **proclaim the praises** of Him who **called you (out-of) darkness (in-to) His marvelous light**; **10** who once were not a people but are now **the people of God**, who had not **obtained** mercy but now have obtained mercy.

This is your testimony to tell the world
chosen generation / royal priesthood / holy nation / special people

chosen / royal / holy / special
generation / priesthood / nation / people

(vs 10) who once were not a people
but are now **the people of God,**
who had not obtained mercy
but now have **obtained mercy.**

This week I had a conversation with a young man that has come to the brink of hopelessness – not seeing the purpose for his existence.

It sounded bleak for sure – but then I asked him, do you have the smallest faith at all in Jesus Christ? – he said,
“I do, I do believe in Him”

End of Study

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