

Hope Under Pressure: 1st Peter

Christian, know who you are

Scripture: 1st Peter 2:4-10

Big Question: What does it mean for the church to be a royal priesthood?

Big Idea:

*The more believers **fit into God's identity** for them the more they will **stand out in the world.***

Introduction: *Famous rocks*

Living as Living Stones

- Believers know there is **only one cornerstone**.
 - Jesus is the **ONLY** way to life
- Believers know we are **each vital living stones**.
 - We are each immensely valuable in Christ... humanity matters
- Believers know **together we form a life-giving temple**.
 - What do you think of when you think of the former temple... death... not so with the new temple!
- Believers know in obedience we form a **far-reaching priesthood**.
 - This priesthood is not contained to certain people... certain places... or certain practices.

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Devote your **time** to do Christ's work
- Devote your **tithe** to spread Christ's Church.
- Devote your **tongue** to glorify Christ's Name.
- Devote your **toil** to represent Christ to a world in need.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1st Peter 2:9