**Living as Foreigners**

**Connect to a Spiritual Family**

**1 Peter 2:4-10**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**How do We Survive in a Hostile World?**

**Get connected to a spiritual community!**

**God didn’t create us to live in isolation.**

**He created us to live in community.**

**GET CONNECTED**!

**You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.**

**And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. As the Scriptures say, “I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, “The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.” And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession.**

**As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” 1 Peter 2:4-10**

**Jesus is the cornerstone of the temple.**

**“No one can lay any other foundation other than the one we already have – Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11**

**We are to function as priests in the temple.**

**We are to invite others to be a part of the temple.**

**“But you are the ones chosen by God…God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you.”**