

Chosen and Precious A Study of 1 Peter

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Key Truth: Though we suffer shame and rejection in the world, we are honored by God because, like Jesus Christ, we are chosen and precious.

God is not a cold, abstract, impersonal force that blindly guides us in a fatalistic way. He is a Person to be experienced. He speaks to us and guides us through his Spirit-Breathed Word. When we take refuge in him he receives us as his very own Children. When we experience him, by “tasting” him in faith, we find that he is good and precious for our soul. Jesus tasted bitterness on the cross. But through that event, God calls Jesus Chosen and Precious. When we trust in him, we find that God also calls us chosen and precious.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Peter 2:1-8** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**Chosen and Precious.**”

DIG IN

1. Growing Up into Salvation. (1 Peter 2:1-3)

In chapter 2, verse 1, Peter instructs his readers to “put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.” In what ways do we as Christians still exhibit these terrible traits?

In what ways should we be “like newborn infants” (v. 2)?

In what ways does Jesus “taste” good (v. 3)? In what ways might he not “taste” good?

2. Built Up as a Spiritual House (1 Peter 2:4-8)

What are some characteristics about Jesus Christ that speak to his being a “living stone” (v. 4)?

In what ways are we “like living stones” (v. 5)?

In what ways should we “Behold” Jesus as a Living, Rejected, Chosen, and Precious Stone? (see 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

In what ways has Jesus become more precious to you, even when your circumstances haven’t changed?

What is the outcome of our believing in Jesus? What is the outcome of those who do not believe in Jesus?

In what ways are those who do not believe “destined” (ESV) to stumble (v. 8)?

DO

In what ways will you personally put what you have learned through this sermon into practice this week?