



#4 - "Chosen by God"
1 Peter 2:3 - 12

To endure suffering, we need to know our true identity in Christ:

Based on Christ's identity: " _____ "

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him **(2:4)**

† **Jesus was _____ before creation.**

He was chosen (foreknown, foreordained) before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. **(1:20)**

† **Jesus was God's chosen _____.**

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."
Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. **(2:6, 7)**

† **Jesus was _____ by unbelievers.**

But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message - which is also what they were destined for. **(2:7, 8)**

Jesus' followers' true identity:

1. Chosen by God to be His new _____.

...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house ... **(2:5)**

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. **(Ephesians 2:19-22)**

2. Chosen by God to be His new _____.

... to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **(2:5)**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, ... **(2:9)**

3. Chosen by God to be His _____.

...a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **(2:9, 10)**

You are precious because:

❖ **God chose you to be _____.**

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. **(Deuteronomy 7:6, 7)**

❖ **God called you _____ into His light.**

❖ **God showed you _____.**

Therefore:

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. **(2:11, 12)**

Live as God's _____, _____, _____ people.

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