

Why Church?

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For in Scripture it says:

“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.

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.

- But **you** are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, 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.

1 Peter 2:4-10

I Peter 2:9-10

You are:

a chosen people,
people belonging to God

Isaiah 43:20

a royal priesthood
a holy nation

Exodus 19:6

that you may declare the
praises of Him who called you

Isaiah 43:21

once not a people,
now the people of God

Hosea 2:23

once had not received mercy,
now have received mercy

Hosea 2:23

ekklesia

“called out ones”

“those who gather”

*NT ekklesia refers to people who God
has gathered to Himself in Christ Jesus*

Church is “God’s household” (1 Tim. 3:15)

Why Church?

As God's family and redemptive community
we are chosen and we belong
we declare the praises of God
we live as light in a dark world
we receive mercy

Church is at the center of God's purposes
"to bring all things in heaven and on earth
together under one head, even Christ"
Ephesians 1:10

LIVE IN LIGHT OF WHO YOU ARE

a chosen people

a royal priesthood

a holy nation

a people belonging to God

called out of darkness

called into his wonderful light

the people of God

who have received mercy

MAIN THOUGHT

Shine On

“I am the light of the world”

John 8:12

“You are the light of the world”

Matthew 5:14

“Let your light shine”

Matthew 5:16

-Jesus