



# The Church: Better Together

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## Introduction

? What factors do you take into consideration when looking to buy new clothes?

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? Was there ever a time when you sought to replace your entire wardrobe? What about for your children or someone else in your home? If so, what led to this change?

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## 1. Fitting Living (1 Pet. 2:1-3)

? How often do you reflect on God's gracious work on your behalf in Christ? What helps you remember the gospel? What can you do to be more cognizant of the mercy and grace of God in saving you and adopting you?

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? Why does it matter that our good works be undergirded and preceded by a right heart? Can you think of a time when Jesus spoke about the inconsistency of outward works and inward reality? What was His tone?

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? Application: Is your life distinct from the world because of the work of Christ on your behalf and in your soul? What specific areas of your life have been significantly affected by God's work of salvation in your life?

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## 2. Real Identity (1 Pet. 2:4-5,9-10)

? What do you know about the role of a priest in the Old Testament? What were his duties?


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 What does it mean that Christians are a part of a “priesthood” and not just individual priests?

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 Application: Are you committed to serving and worshiping the one and true and living God by being an active and faithful member of our church? If you are a part of a “holy priesthood,” what do you think that means regarding the priority you should give to involvement and love for the local church?

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### 3. A Stone in Zion (1 Pet. 2:6-8)

 According to Peter, what were the two ways in which the stone functioned?


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 What does the “exclusivity of Christ” mean?

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 Application: What is Christ to you—a stone over which you have stumbled or the honored cornerstone of your life? How can you know?

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### Conclusion

 Is there a “therefore” in your life? In other words, do you have a testimony of life without the grace and mercy of Christ but now a life that is nothing but His grace and mercy?


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 For those who are in Christ, is your life marked by fleeing from sin and desiring the things of God, especially the pure milk of His Word? Explain your thoughts.

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 How does knowing that you are a part of a royal priesthood change the way you think about your local church and your involvement there? In what ways is our church better together?

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### Daily Readings

- Monday - 1 Peter 2:1-10
- Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
- Wednesday - Ephesians 4:1-6
- Thursday - Galatians 3:28
- Friday - 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Saturday - Colossians 3:12-14