

AS YOU COME TO HIM, A LIVING STONE REJECTED BY MEN BUT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS, YOU YOURSELVES LIKE LIVING STONES ARE BEING BUILT UP AS A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. FOR IT STANDS IN SCRIPTURE: "BEHOLD, I AM LAYING IN ZION A STONE, A CORNERSTONE

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IN HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.” SO THE
HONOR IS FOR YOU WHO BELIEVE, BUT FOR
THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, “THE STONE THAT
THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE
CORNERSTONE,” AND “A STONE OF STUMBLING,
AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE.” THEY STUMBLE
BECAUSE THEY DISOBEY THE WORD, AS THEY

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WERE DESTINED TO DO. BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT. ONCE YOU WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT NOW YOU ARE GOD'S PEOPLE; ONCE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED MERCY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY.

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A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO
REPRESENT GOD TO THE WORLD



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THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH



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THE IMAGERY OF THE LIVING STONES BEING BUILT INTO A SINGLE UNIT IMPLIES THAT **THE SIGNIFICANCE AND PURPOSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN CANNOT BE REALIZED APART FROM COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.** COMING TO CHRIST **MEANS** COMING INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS...

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THE **CHURCH** IS GOD'S
PLAN A, AND THERE
IS NO PLAN B.



IF THE CHURCH IS **GOD'S**
PRIORITY, SHOULDN'T IT
ALSO BE **OURS**?



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