



**1 P E T E R**

this is not our home

Today we will focus on  
**1 Peter 2:1-12**



When studying a passage there are numerous times when it is beneficial to re-arrange the order of *certtain* phrases.



Often times the best way to understand a difficult passage, especially one laying out a detailed argument, is to work from **back to front**.



Many of the arguments made by Paul, in Romans for example, are more readily understood when you start with the *conclusion* and work back through the logic.



So far, all of **1 Peter Chapter 1** has been a lengthy argument for the need for believers to obey the Lord in all that they do.



That is; for the believers to live totally *other worldly* kind of lives as they pass through this world as strangers looking forward to a perfect future world.



Peter continues this argument in the first half of the second chapter. But we want to arrange his argument in the *clearest* way.



*As the Scriptures say,  
"I am placing a cornerstone in  
Jerusalem, chosen for great honor,  
and anyone who trusts in him will  
never be disgraced." 1 Peter 2:6*

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*You are coming to Christ, who is  
the living cornerstone of God's  
temple. He was rejected by people,  
but he was chosen by God for  
great honor. 1 Peter 2:4*

2

*Yes, you who trust him recognize  
the honor God has given him. But  
for those who reject him, "The  
stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone."*

*1 Peter 2:7*

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*And, "He is the stone that makes  
people stumble, the rock that makes  
them fall." They stumble because  
they do not obey God's word, and  
so they meet the fate that was  
planned for them. 1 Peter 2:8*

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*But you are not like that, for you  
are a chosen people. You are royal  
priests, a holy nation, God's very  
own possession. 1 Peter 2:9*

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*"Once you had no identity as a  
people; now you are God's people.  
Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's  
mercy." 1 Peter 2:10*

6

*And you are living stones that God is  
building into his spiritual temple.  
What's more, you are his holy priests.  
Through the mediation of Jesus  
Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices  
that please God. 1 Peter 2:5*

7

*As a result, you can show others  
the goodness of God, for he called  
you out of the darkness into his  
wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9b*

8

*Be careful to live properly among your  
unbelieving neighbors. Then even if  
they accuse you of doing wrong, they  
will see your honorable behavior, and  
they will give honor to God when he  
judges the world. 1 Peter 2:12*

9

*Dear friends, I warn you as  
"temporary residents and  
foreigners" to keep away from  
worldly desires that wage war  
against your very souls.*

*1 Peter 2:11*

10

*So get rid of all evil behavior.  
Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy,  
jealousy, and all unkind speech.*

*1 Peter 2:1*

11

*Like newborn babies, you must  
crave pure spiritual milk so that  
you will grow into a full  
experience of salvation.*

*1 Peter 2:2*

12

*Cry out for this nourishment, now  
that you have had a taste of the  
Lord's kindness. 1 Peter 2:3*

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*As the Scriptures say,*

*“I am placing a cornerstone in  
Jerusalem, chosen for great honor,  
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*The **1<sup>st</sup>** thing to understand is  
that the God of the universe  
sent His Son to the world.*

*And through what His Son accomplished in Jerusalem He became the **cornerstone** of a great building that God was **constructing** unto Himself.*

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the living cornerstone of God's  
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*The **2<sup>nd</sup>** thing to understand is  
that humanity only has two  
**choices** when it comes to how  
they will respond to this  
Cornerstone.*

*Humanity can either  
**accept or reject**  
what God has done  
through His Son.*

*In order to **accept** the cornerstone that God has sent into the world you must recognize & trust in what God **completed** through Christ while He was in Jerusalem.*

*And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. 1 Peter 2:8*

*But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. 1 Peter 2:9*

*The **3<sup>rd</sup>** thing to understand is that God has **determined** a different **destiny** for both those who accept and those who reject this Cornerstone.*

*For those who have **rejected** the Cornerstone, their fate is **destruction** and **punishment** in the lake of fire. They will be separated from the presence of God forever.*

*For those who have **accepted**  
the Cornerstone, their fate is  
peace with God and eternal  
delight in the presence of God  
forever and ever.*

*But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. 1 Peter 2:9*

*The **4<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand is that God has **designated** a special **position** for those who have accepted His Cornerstone.*

*Those who have accepted the Cornerstone have become God's holy **possession**. They have become a special kind of **people**, set apart for a special kind of task for their Creator.*

*“Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” 1 Peter 2:10*

*The **5<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand  
is that our lives used to be  
utterly useless and totally  
bound to the futility of our  
sinful ways.*

*We not only had no hope,  
but we had no purpose for our  
existence. Our lives were  
utterly empty and void of  
importance.*

*And you are living stones that God is  
building into his spiritual temple.*

*What's more, you are his holy priests.*

*Through the mediation of Jesus  
Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices  
that please God. 1 Peter 2:5*

*The **6<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand  
is that because of God's  
Cornerstone, we now have an  
incredible **eternal** purpose!*

*Those of us who believe have  
now become spiritual stones  
that God is using to build  
upon and around His  
Cornerstone.*

*We are becoming the building  
that God is erecting unto  
Himself; a building that will  
display His goodness, His glory  
and His worth to the world!*

*And God is planning to use each and every one of us for very special tasks in displaying himself to the world.*

*As a result, you can show others  
the goodness of God, for he called  
you out of the darkness into his  
wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9b*

*Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. 1 Peter 2:12*

*The **7<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand is that the incredible purpose we now have is to shine the **light** of the goodness of our God into the darkness of the world around us.*

*We now have the great  
privilege of living our lives in  
such a way that the world  
around us might recognize &  
come to honor the  
Cornerstone.*

*Dear friends, I warn you as  
“temporary residents and  
foreigners” to keep away from  
worldly desires that wage war  
against your very souls.*

*1 Peter 2:11*

*The **8<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand is that the main way that we display the greatness of God is by living as though we are strangers in this world... strangers who are living in light of a future world.*

*The main way that we live as strangers in this world is to say no to all the things that this world is hoping in... and to put our hope in the reward of the future.*

*I want to pause for a moment  
and center on the word:*

***Desire***

***Peter says that we should:***

***(1) Live as temporary residents  
who are merely passing  
through this world...***

***Peter says that we should:***

*(2) Keep away from worldly desires...or keep away from that which the world desires...*

*What does it mean to*

***Desire***

*something?*

***The simplest answer is;***

*When we desire something,  
we want the perceived reward  
of what we think that item can  
**give us, do for us, be for us.***

# *Meaning;*

*When I desire chocolate cake,  
I want the **feeling** that I get in my  
mouth when I taste it.*

*I want the pleasure in my mind  
that I sense when I eat it.*

# *Meaning;*

*When I desire relaxation,  
I want the **feeling** that I get when  
I have no obligations.  
I want the pleasure in my mind  
that I sense when I am at rest.*

*I purposefully used the phrases*

***perceived reward***

***pleasure / sense***

*Because we train our minds to think that certain things are more pleasurable than others. And we each have our own ranking of what we desire the most based on what we believe will reward us the most.*

*If you perceive that **money** will give you the greatest reward then you will work very hard and **long hours** and you will seek to amass much **wealth**.*

*If you perceive that **things** will give you the greatest reward then you will strive to have the newest **product** you will seek to amass much **property**.*

*If you perceive that **sex** will give you the greatest reward then you will be obsessed with the **body**, the opposite sex and be tempted by all sorts of **sensual imagery**.*

***Here is where things get interesting...***

***If you perceive that **physical fitness** will give you the greatest reward then you will easily **say no to relaxation and chocolate cake.*****

***Here is where things get interesting...***

***If you perceive that money will give you the greatest reward then you will easily say no to family and friends.***

*If you perceive that the reward of following Christ is of **greater value**, joy, pleasure, satisfaction to you ...then you will easily say no to the desires of the world. Because what it offers pales in comparison to Christ.*

*If you perceive that the reward of following Christ is of **lesser value**, joy, pleasure, satisfaction to you...then you will have a hard time saying no to the desires of the world. Because what it offers is perceived by you as more rewarding than what Christ has to offer.*

*The world around us has perfected the art of desire. And they know exactly what they believe rewards the most, and through various mediums we are trained to desire what the world says pays with the most pleasure.*

***And Peter says...***

***Don't desire those things.***

***Don't put your hope for  
pleasure in those things.***

***And Peter says...***

***You were made for another world, put your hope in that world. In that world there is no rust, rot or decay and there are pleasures evermore.***

*So get rid of all evil behavior.  
Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy,  
jealousy, and all unkind speech.*

*1 Peter 2:1*

*The **9<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand is that those who are now a special people, who have been given this special purpose, who have their hope in the eternal future...should no longer entertain certain **attitudes** & **actions**.*

*There are certain attitudes and actions that **show** that we are trusting in the **same** things that the world is hoping in... and these should **cease**, because we do not share their hope.*

*There are certain attitudes and actions that **display** that we are trusting in very **different** things than what the world is hoping in...and these should happen all the more, because we do not share their hope.*

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crave pure spiritual milk so that  
you will grow into a full  
experience of salvation.*

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that you have had a taste of the  
Lord's kindness. 1 Peter 2:3*

*The **10<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand  
is that those who are now a  
special people etc.  
should be **characterized** by  
one **central** thing...*

*That central thing should be  
a driving desire to grow  
more and more into  
the Cornerstone.*

*As a special people, our desire should be to find out more about how we can better fulfill our new and glorious purpose. We should hunger and thirst for the Word of God which will show us the way to live.*

*We should ever desire to live more like the people that God has set us aside to be! We should ever want to display him accurately to the world around us.*

*It is in this way  
that we will be filling our  
hearts deepest longing.*

*It is in this way  
that we will be satisfying  
our souls' greatest thirst.*

*Because this is what we  
were truly created for  
and redeemed for.*