

## Week 3, 1 Peter 2:1-12

When studying a passage there are numerous times when it is beneficial to re-arrange the order of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ way.

### 1 Peter 2:6

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 \_\_\_\_\_ of a great building that God was \_\_\_\_\_ unto Himself.

### 1 Peter 2:4, 2:7

The **2<sup>nd</sup>** thing to understand is that humanity only has two \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ while He was in Jerusalem.

### 1 Peter 2:8, 2:9

The **3<sup>rd</sup>** thing to understand is that God has \_\_\_\_\_ a different \_\_\_\_\_ for both those who accept and those who reject this Cornerstone. For those who have **rejected** the Cornerstone, their fate is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ with God and eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of God forever and ever.

### 1 Peter 2:9

The **4<sup>th</sup>** thing to understand is that God has \_\_\_\_\_ a special \_\_\_\_\_ for those who have accepted His Cornerstone. Those who have accepted the Cornerstone have become God's holy \_\_\_\_\_. They have become a special kind of \_\_\_\_\_, set apart for a special kind of task for their Creator.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_. Our lives were utterly \_\_\_\_\_ and void of importance.

### 1 Peter 2:5

The 6<sup>th</sup> thing to understand is that because of God's Cornerstone, we now have an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ unto Himself; a building that will display His goodness, His glory and His worth to the world! And God is planning to use \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one of us for very special tasks in displaying himself to the world.

### 1 Peter 2:9b, 2:12

The 7<sup>th</sup> thing to understand is that the incredible purpose we now have is to shine the \_\_\_\_\_ of the goodness of our God into the darkness of the world around us. We now have the great privilege of \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way that the world around us might recognize & come to honor the Cornerstone.

### 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.

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

### 1 Peter 2:2, 2:3

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