

**Series: Resident Aliens: A Study of 1 Peter**  
**Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-10: A Holy Temple and Priesthood**  
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1. What is a cornerstone and what purpose does it serve?
  - It is often merely ornamental today
  - It sometimes contains a time capsule
  - It marks the beginning of a building
  - It establishes the proper angles for construction
2. What does this say about the church?
  - The entire building (the church) gets its bearing from the cornerstone (Jesus Christ).
3. What is the purpose of a temple?
  - It is a place where people can approach deity
  - It is a place where deity is worshiped
  - It is a place where sacrifices can be offered
4. How does this work with the church?
  - a. We are God's presence in the world.
  - b. Good conduct is our sacrifice to God.
5. Christians differ radically from the world. They are:
  - a. Living as opposed to dead.
  - b. Honored as opposed to shamed.
  - c. Believers as opposed to unbelievers.
  - d. Light as opposed to darkness.
  - e. God's people as opposed to not his people.
  - f. Shown mercy as opposed to not shown mercy.
6. What terms used by Peter suggest the church is a group rather than individuals?
  - Race, priesthood, nation, people.

Travel Tip #6:

The reading for next week, 1 Peter 2:11-25, contains the first part of a “Household Code.” This was a common feature in Greek philosophy. It developed from the idea that a strong empire, culture, and society depended upon the strength of its smallest unit, universally identified as the family. (A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.) Although philosophers applied general teachings about family relationships in order to strengthen the Greek or Roman empires, Christians adopted the practice as important for strengthening the kingdom of God. You can see other examples in Ephesians 5:21-6:9 and Colossians 3:18-4:1.

Peter alters the typical presentation. Whereas Paul focuses on an inward balance between husband-wife, master-slave, parent-child, Peter addresses those in potentially abusive relationships with outsiders because of the threat of persecution. This he discussed government relations, slaves, and wives of nonbelievers.