

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“LIVING STONES”

1 PETER 2:4-5

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1. How can stones come to life?
2. What does it mean to be built into a “spiritual house”?
3. What are the implications of being called a “holy priesthood”?
4. What “spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God” should we offer?

I. Who is Jesus?

Verse 4

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

Romans 12:1

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:15-16

“Not one man has ever sacrificed for his Lord without being richly repaid. If the cross is only contrasted with earthly pleasures lost, it may seem hard and threatening. But when the cross is weighed in the balances with the glorious treasures to be had through it, even the cross seems sweet.”

Walter J. Chantry

“If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?”

David Livingstone

II. Who are we?

Verse 5a

III. What are the spiritual sacrifices we should offer?

Verse 5b