

## Different Voices

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1 Peter 2:1-10, 2:11-25

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<p><b>1 Peter 2:1-10</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.</p> <p><b>The Living Stone and a Chosen People</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house<sup>[a]</sup> to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:</p> <p>“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  a chosen and precious cornerstone,  and the one who trusts in him  will never be put to shame.”<sup>[b]</sup></p> <p><sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,</p> <p>“The stone the builders rejected  has become the cornerstone,”<sup>[c]</sup></p> <p><sup>8</sup> and,</p> <p>“A stone that causes people to stumble  and a rock that makes them fall.”<sup>[d]</sup></p>		

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<p>They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.</p>		
<b>Application</b> What does it mean to me?		
<p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <p>a. 1 Peter 2:5 Or <i>into a temple of the Spirit</i></p> <p>b. 1 Peter 2:6 Isaiah 28:16</p> <p>c. 1 Peter 2:7 Psalm 118:22</p> <p>d. 1 Peter 2:8 Isaiah 53:9</p>		
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<p><b>1 Peter 2:11-25</b></p> <p><b>Living Godly Lives in a Pagan Society</b></p> <p><sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. <sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.</p>		

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<p><sup>18</sup> Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”<sup>[a]</sup></p> <p><sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” <sup>25</sup> For “you were like sheep going astray,”<sup>[b]</sup> but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.</p>		
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<p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <p>a. 1 Peter 2:22 Isaiah 53:9</p> <p>b. 1 Peter 2:25 Isaiah 53:4,5,6 (see Septuagint)</p>		
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THAT'S NOT FAIR!

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### Scriptures:

Genesis 50:17

James 1:2-4

### Question:

Share about a time when you were treated unjustly. How did you handle it then? How would you handle it now?



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Prayer Requests

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