

Who Are We?

1 Peter 2:4-10

Truth Statement: We are set apart in Christ for priestly service and proclaiming Christ.

1. **Introduction:** *Everyone is looking for an identity—who are you?*

2. **We are set-apart in Christ by _____ in Him rather than rejecting Him.** (4—8)

   A. *Believers _____ to the Living Stone -Jesus Christ. (4—5)*

   B. *Believers in the Living Stone will be _____ while unbelievers will receive shame. (6—7a)*

   C. *Believers _____ upon the Living Stone while unbelievers _____ over the Living Stone. (7a—8)*

3. **We are set apart as a holy _____ for priestly service to God**. (5)

   A. *We are living stones and a spiritual house being built into a holy priesthood.*

   B. *As a holy priesthood, we exist to offer _____ _____ to God through Christ.*

4. **We are set-apart in Christ to _____ His excellencies to the world.** (9—10)

   A. *We are set-apart as those who have _____ mercy. (9a, 10b)*

   B. *We should _____ Christ's excellencies to the world.*

   C. *We should _____ Christ's excellencies to the world.*

Conclusion:

Coming Up …
October 25, Josh Bell, Missionary to Senegal
November 1, Pastor Anthony, 2 Kings 6:1-23
November 8, Pastor Fred, 2 Kings 6:24—7:20

Just a Moment with Pastor Fred

I've heard several times the average family is over $15,000 in credit card debt. Financial counselor Dave Ramsey writes, *"How you spend your money tells a story. It's a story about what is important to you, about what really matters in your life. It's a story about where your heart is. Jesus said, 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' So it's time to pull out your checkbook and ask a hard question, 'where's my heart?'"*

Christmas is coming and far too often people go into more debt to pay for gifts they can't afford. Did you know 88% of credit card users do not pay items off each month? Now I'm not saying credit cards are wrong. Susan and I use them—we just keep track of how much we've spent. We always pay them off each month. By the way, another trade secret, automatic overdraft loans net banks around $30 billion a year!

Establish a budget this Christmas. Be reasonable. You don't have to spend a lot of money to prove your love. And by the way, don't allow debt to keep you from giving to Christ's church either. Chuck Swindoll has said one can tell more about one's spirituality not by the verses underlined in the Bible but by reviewing one's checkbook (or debit card). Where is your treasure?





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YOU HAVE *Exalted* ABOVE ALL THINGS YOUR *Name* & YOUR *Word.*

PSALM 138:2

Prelude
Call to Worship
Baptism

Crown Him with Many Crowns
It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

"The God Who Saves"
Amanda Wilson

"Who Are We?"
Pastor Anthony Lange

Now to Him

Benediction
Prayer Team

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Becoming fruitful disciples of Christ for God's glory.

THE LORD'S DAY
October 18, 2026

Worship is the believer's response of
all that they are - mind, emotions, will,
body - to what God is and says and does.

Philosophy of Worship

Our music aims to proclaim the glory of God
and the greatness of the gospel.

Nursery Schedule

Sunday School - Adult Bible Fellowship
Jim & Julie Rizzardi
Worship Service
Nursery: Diane Wilson & Karla Ruest
Toddler: Ronda VanSumeren, Kaylen Elliott & Kali Lange

Small Groups meet today or later this week.

Today
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30am Worship

Tuesday, October 20
6:00pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday, October 21
10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study
7:00pm Praise Team

Friday, October 23
6:30pm Ladies Movie Night @ Hayes

Saturday, October 24
3:00pm Fall Fellowship @ Troxells

Announcements

Ladies Movie Night THIS Friday, 6:30pm at the Hayes. Sign up at foyer table for a snack to share.

Fall Fellowship is THIS Saturday. Fun begins at 3pm. Bring a dish to share - sign up on the table in the foyer. Hot dogs will be provided to roast over the fire.

The Bell family will be returning to Senegal in a few weeks. They will be here next Sunday. We will have a farewell gathering (with refreshments) during the ABF hour 9:30 am to 10:15 with time for Q&A. Please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer to contribute. Josh will preach during the service.

Ministry Team Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29 at 6:30pm. If you are a ministry coordinator or deacon, it is important to be present as we discuss details of our proposed strategic plan.

Nursery Opportunity. See Julie Rizzardi if you can serve on a rotation in one of the nurseries.

Men ... Camp Barakel retreat is October 30-November 1. Sign up on the table in the foyer so we know who is going. Register at www.campbarakel.org/register.

Greeters
Today: Barb Howell & Jim Rizzardi
Next Week:
Barb Bush

Fall Work Day is from 9am till noon on Saturday, November 7.

Cookies Needed! HBC helps supplies cookies for Magnify. Sign-up to make 2 dozen cookies. List is on the table in the foyer.

Thanks to those who mowed the church lawn this year. Well done.

Questions for Small Groups
1. How does our identity influence how we live our lives?
2. Read and discuss how you can offer spiritual sacrifices: Rom 12:1-2, 15:14-21; Eph 5:1-2; Col 1:28-29; Heb 13:15-16.
3. "Excellency" in v. 9 describes God's divine power. In this context it refers to His power to "call us out of darkness into His marvelous light." How can we share the gospel with this emphasis?
4 How does God's mercy thru Christ change how you live daily? How can reminding yourself of His mercy help you tell others about Christ?
5. Pray as a group for the salvation of those in your life that don't know Christ. Ask for boldness to share Christ. Will you commit to being accountable to share Christ with them?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Cecil	October 22
Naomi Cecil	October 22
Ruth Stevenson	October 22
Holly Froman	October 23

Guest Services
Dan Cecil

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests
- Bells & Petkofs on furloughs
- The Clark family - praise
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually/to reach out to others
- New strategic plan—praise for all that was done in 2024-26!

Physical Needs
- Amber Breinling (Lois Martin's niece) - chemo & heart issues
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's stepmother) - cancer
- Chris Stolk (Lois Martin's nephew) - acute kidney failure
- Cindy Bettenhausen - recovering from gall bladder surgery
- Eliana Bolthouse (Froman's granddaughter/niece) - surgery Oct 19
- Gina Golden - health concerns
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - health concerns
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Paul Perry - continued strength

Praying Biblically - Daniel 9:4-19
- Praise God for His greatness v. 4a
- Gratitude for God's faithfulness v. 4b
- Confess our sins vs. 5-8
- Give thanks for God's mercy and forgiveness v. 9
- Remind ourselves of God's righteousness v. 14
- Ask God to hear our prayers and to forgive us vs. 17-18
- That God would be glorified in our lives v. 19

Missions Moment
Josh & Carissa Bell, Vesper, Lina - Senegal

Prayer For Our Government Officials
State Senators and Representatives

Prayer Person of the Week
Ronda VanSumeren

Shut in of the Week
Herb & Rita Twichell

"The Christian's motto should not be, 'Let go and let God,' but "trust God and get going.'" - J.I. Packer