

A Study of the General Epistles **(NT Survey Lesson 198--1 Peter 2)**

Introduction: In chapter two Peter urges God's people to see who and what they are. They are God's spiritual house, a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession". Knowing this should cause every child of God to keep his behavior "excellent" (2:12) among the unbelieving in every relationship of life.

Lesson aim: To know who we are as God's people and how we should then live.

Who and what Christians are--1 Pet. 2:4-10

1. How does Peter describe Jesus in v. 4? How does he describe Christians in v. 5?
2. Christians are _____ stones built up as a _____ house to offer up _____ sacrifices unto God.
3. To whom is Jesus precious? What do those people do who do not believe in Jesus? (v. 8) Why?
4. Describe and define the terms used to describe Christians in v. 9.
5. What is the Christian's mission? (v. 9) What did Peter say God's people once were? What are they now? (v. 10)

The challenge to an excellent lifestyle--1 Pet. 2:11-12

1. How does Peter describe Christians in v. 11? What are they urged to do?
2. What kind of behavior are Christians to have? What will this do to those who slander Christians as evil-doers?

Excelling as citizens--1 Pet. 2:13-17

1. What should be the Christian's response to civil authorities? What will be accomplished by this kind of behavior?
2. For what are Christians not to use their freedom? For what are Christians to use their freedom?
3. List and define the four exhortations of v. 17.

Excelling as servants--1 Pet. 2:18-25

1. What should be the servant's response to his master? With what attitude?
2. Are servants to obey only those masters who are good and gentle?
3. Why should servants obey harsh masters? (v. 19-20)
4. Of what has Christ himself given us an example?
5. How did Jesus respond when he was mistreated?
6. Why did Jesus do this? (v. 24)
7. What is Christ's relationship to the Christian? (v. 25)