



A NEW HOPE

#4 Meet the Livingstones

1 Peter 2:4-10

1-30-22

1. The Church is God's _____.

"So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.'" Isaiah 28:16, NIV

- A. Every believer in Jesus is part of that place where God _____ in this world

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22, NIV

- B. There is no being a Christian _____.
That's a contradiction. The Church is a living _____,
or _____, God's _____.

2. The Church is The _____.

"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Exodus 19:4-6, NIV

- A. Peter is telling the Church that they are God's _____,
_____, his chosen people.

- B. If you do belong, it's because God _____
_____ and continues to _____ you. No
believer is an _____.

"I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one'. I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'" Hosea 2:23, NIV

- C. As the family of Jesus, you are precious. In other words
you are _____ in spite of your
own sinful _____.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15, NIV

3. The Church is a _____ of _____.

- A. If you are a follower of Christ, you are also his
_____ in your world. God reveals
himself in his Word, and he reveals his Word through his
_____. You.

Conclusion:

Jesus is either a _____ stone/jewel, or a
_____ stone that gets in your way. You cannot just
_____ with him.