

## Bible Study 4 – We are a holy people – 1 Peter 2:4-10

*The way we see ourselves determines to a large degree the way we act and react in life. Our self-perception, self-worth, self-esteem tends to be a governing factor in our life. If we see ourselves as a loser, we end up to a large degree acting like a loser. If we see ourselves as a victim, we tend to let people victimize us. If we see ourselves as uncreative, we never come up with any creative ideas. If we see ourselves as a piece of junk, we begin to think that we are garbage. If we see ourselves as successful, then we tend to repeat successes that we've had in the past. Our beliefs about ourselves determine our behaviour. Today we will look at our identity, status, standing and position as a Christian. God is the authority on who we are. He is the one we should be listening to about who we are.*

<b>The context</b>	The purpose of the book is for “encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (1 Pt. 5:12). The central theme is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It deals with the believer’s privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14). It begins by reminding them of their secure future and the need for holiness and love for one another. Then because they are holy, believers are to show godly behaviour towards authorities, towards their spouse, and towards all believers.
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### ***PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 2:4-10***

The Cornerstone (v.4, 6-8)	
A spiritual house – worship & service (v.5)	
A chosen people - witness (v.9-10)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

#### ***1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.***

#### ***2. What I learnt about people like us.***

#### ***3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.***

#### ***4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?***

#### ***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

#### ***6. What kind of spiritual sacrifices can we offer to God (v.5)?***

#### ***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Let's draw near to Christ and worship & serve Him, and witness about Him.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a **COMMANDMENT** or **MODEL** for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

