



OUTSIDERS

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Picture the Outsider
1 Peter 2:1-12

1 Peter 1:1 *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen...*

Picture the Outsider:

I. A Hungry Baby

1 Peter 2:1-3 *Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*

Point: You have a different _____

- **What are you hungry for?**

Mt. 6:25-33 *"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on.... 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*

II. A Living Stone

1 Peter 2:4-8 *And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." 7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone," 8 and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.*

As stones you will be rejected:

- *Rejected by men (V. 4)*
- *THE BUILDERS REJECTED (V. 7)*
- *ROCK OF OFFENSE (V. 8)*

But you are chosen by God:

- *Choice & precious in the sight of God (V. 4)*
- *A CHOICE STONE (V. 6)*
- *PRECIOUS CORNER stone (V. 6)*
- *Precious value (V. 7)*

Point: You have a different _____

- Ask yourself: what is my life building?
- Who decides what my life is worth?

III. A Chosen Race & Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:9-10 *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.*

Gal. 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.*

Point: You are part of a different _____

- **Have you ever felt like an outsider?**

1 Peter 2:11-12 *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

Main Point:

Field Notes: Reflections From Outside.

1. What is the hunger of your life? Soul? What do you never tire of?
2. What is your life building? Will it last? Is it eternal?
3. When have you felt like an outsider? Like you didn't belong? Like people were looking down at you? When have you felt chosen?

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