

OUTSIDERS

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Picture the Outsider
1 Peter 2:1-12

Who is one of your favorite “outsiders” from a movie/novel/TV Show? What made him/her an outsider?

Three pictures of the outsider:

I. A Hungry _____

1 Peter 2:1-3 *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

Meaning: You have a different _____.

II. A Living _____

1 Peter 2:4-8 *As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.*

Meaning: You have a different _____.

- Temple --
- Cornerstone –
- Living stones –
- V.4, 7, 8 -- As stones you will be _____
- v.4, 6, 7 – But you are _____ by God

III. A Chosen _____

1 Peter 2:9-12 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

Meaning: You belong to a different _____

- God’s chosen people & royal priesthood
 - Before Christ--
 - After Christ--

Main Point: _____

Field Notes: Reflections From Outside

1. What do you hunger for in life? What does your soul seek?
2. When did you first desire to be part of something bigger than yourself?
3. What are you building with your life? When someone looks at your life, would they see that Christ has done something there?
4. Have you ever experienced being chosen and rejected at the same time or faced rejection because you desired to follow God’s call?
5. When have you tried to fit in but been unsuccessful? How is “fitting in” different than “belonging?”
6. Where do you need to trust God and resist the urge to fit in?



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