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Chapter One Recap

- **Our identity - Elect Exiles;** chosen by **God** and living as temporary residents/strangers in this world
- **What God has done for us -** given us a new birth into:
 - **A living hope**
 - **A permanent and secure inheritance**
- **Our response to this work of God**
 - **Rejoice greatly** even in difficulty
 - **Be holy**
 - **Live in reverent fear of God**
 - **Love each other deeply**

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Because we are born again we are to:

- **Put off** - like taking off dirty clothes
- **Malice** - ill will; a heart condition this leads to practicing:
 - **Deceit** - speaking/acting with ulterior motives
 - **Hypocrisy** - insincerity; pretense towards **G**od or others
 - **Envy** - begrudging someone else for something they have that you want
 - **Slander** - run someone down; talk bad about them

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- **Living Stone**
 - **Rejected by humans** - tried and found lacking
 - **Chosen by God**
 - **Precious to God** - to be esteemed as **Someone** of great worth; valuable
- **Cornerstone** - **1st** block laid in a foundation; all other stones are aligned with it; those who trust in **Jesus** are accepted by **God**
- **Stumbling Stone** - those who reject **Jesus** and **His** message are rejected by **God**

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Believers

- **Living stones** - we are the Temple; as God's people the Holy Spirit dwells among us
- **Holy priesthood** - we are the workers in the Temple; priests:
 - **Offered sacrifices/led in worship** - we offer 'spiritual sacrifices' of praise and testimony
 - **Served as mediators between people and God** - our prayers for the world help connect God and people (intercession is a synonym for mediation)



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Chosen people - selected by God for relationship and purpose

Relationship

- **God's special possession** - belong uniquely to Him
- **Are now God's people** - adopted into His family
- **Have now received mercy** - are not treated according to our sins, but according to His grace

Purpose

- **Royal priesthood** - belonging to the King; can draw near to God
- **Holy nation** - set apart from the world and set apart for God

IS JESUS YOUR
CORNERSTONE OR
YOUR STUMBLING
STONE?

