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**WHO/ WHAT DOES THE CHURCH THINK IT IS?**

1 Peter 2:4-10

Your Highpoints Salvation Photo Album

1. **A Spiritual House**—an eternal dwelling place for the Spirit of God (2:5,9).

# Spiritual Formation—Discipleship

Living stones—*shaped to fit your intended place*

Holy Priesthood— *offering* **spiritual sacrifices**—*from Christ, through Christ, for Christ*

2. **Led by the Best--**Rejection by men is not the standard by which God values things (2:4, 6-8).

Living Stone—*have to come to Him and keep coming to Him.*

Precious—*the God of all the treasures of the universe treasures Christ as precious; that must instruct our affections.*

3. **Never Disappointed**—you can’t lose; forces against can’t win (2:6-8).

Cornerstone/ Capstone—*all of human history is required to line up from Jesus out.*

Stumbling Stone/ Rock of offence—*either come to Christ or you stumble over Him on your self-righteous journey to the God you can never reach.*

4. **A Multi-Flavoured Chosen Race**—an end to racial tension in order to spread all this treasure to the nations.

# Evangelism

Chosen Race/ Holy Nation/ A People for God’s Own Possession –*a crave-Jesus race, new people group*

Proclaiming the excellencies of Christ—*spreading our cravings, satisfactions, joys, his love and mercy*