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I Peter 2:6-10

"Mercy"

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION

V 6, Peter gets really scriptural, **#ONE** Isaiah 28:16 starts us off, "chosen and honored cornerstone." "Therefore the Lord God said:'Look, I have laid a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will be unshakeable.'" As a building rests on its cornerstone, a believers faith rests firmly on the finished work of Jesus. This "never will be put to shame" has future connotations to it, double negative, no-not ever. Peter's goal here, at least in part, was to encourage his readers with a sure scriptural promise of ultimate victory for those who place their trust in Jesus.

Vv 7-8, these verses present a sharp contrast between the saved and the lost. Peter now quotes from **#TWO** Psalm 118:22. In a lot of Bibles OT quotes are written in bold print when found in the NT for easy identification. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the the cornerstone." This stone causes the disobedient to stumble. This happened to the chief priests and Pharisees when Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22, see Matthew 21:42-46.

#THREE, Isaiah 8:14, "He will be a sanctuary; but for the two houses of Israel, he will be a stone to stumble over and a rock to trip over, and a trap and snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." Rejection of Jesus is fatal and this fatality is directly related to disobeying the Word of God. To disobey the Word is to reject it; to obey the Word is to believe it. Rejection brings stumbling and leads to eternal condemnation.

V 9, Peter will now close this portion out with words of encouragement designed to invigorate them to press on in holiness. The chosen people now include Jew and Gentile. When this verse was first written it referred only to Israel. **#FOUR**, Isaiah 43:20, "Wild animals-jackals and ostriches—will honor me, because I provide water in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people." Christians are a special people because God has preserved them for Himself, ponder that.

God's purpose in doing all of this is that believers may declare the praises of Him before others. Praise Him for calling you out of darkness into his wonderful/marvelous light. **#FIVE**, Hosea 2:23, "I will sow her in the land for myself, and I will have compassion on Lo-ru-hamah; I will say to Lo-ammi: You are my people, and he will say, You are my God."

Darkness depicts a time when his readers were pagans, not a people, without mercy. God's wonderful light illumines the darkness engulfing the hearts of the lost and thereby they have received mercy. This mercy deserves our complete devotion and our effort to live holy lives to be a holy nation.

Application: As we have move across the pages of this epistle we have seen that instead of speaking for himself, Peter lets Scripture speak for him. Peter lets the Scripture warrant the way and words he uses in writing. Peter starts with mercy in 1:3 and now closes this major section, v 10, with the same theme, God's mercy in Christ, for believers.