

## Summary Notes

### 1 Peter 2:4-12

- Here we see Peter describing the identity of the people and the action which needs to be taken from that.
- We see Peter refer to Jesus as the living stone – the rock in which we have our identity and should be built on.
- Peter is now talking about a unified identity stating we are a ‘chosen people’ and we are being built into a ‘spiritual house’.
- It is interesting to note that although Peter calls them /us ‘aliens and strangers of the world’ (v.11) they/we are also a ‘chosen people’, ‘royal priesthood’, ‘holy nation’ and ‘belonging to God’ (v.9) How amazing is that! This is where we find our identity – not in the world but from and in God.
- Once Peter has confirmed the identity he then calls the readers to live in light of that: ‘declare praises of him who called you’ (v.9), ‘abstain from sinful desires’ (v.11) and ‘live such good lives’ (v.12) – this is how we should be living, not because we are told to but because of the amazing identity we have in Christ!
- There is nothing we have done/can do to have this amazing identity – it is all God! (v.10)
- From our actions people will see a difference and although they may accuse us of doing wrong, they may see God and glorify Him (v.12) Surely this is a massive motivation to be living ‘good lives’
- Peter’s focus is forward looking (v.12) He is always looking towards the future glory and hope!

How does Peter help us to stand firm in our faith from this letter?

How does this passage help us with our identity and what should we do about it?