



Meriden Hills Baptist

Your kind of church

1 Peter 2:4-12

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A House of Sacrifice

I. The Foundation

- A. The only _____ accepted by God for a relationship is His Son, Jesus Christ. (vs. 4)
- In his own worldly wisdom, man attempts and fails to reach God in a variety of ways.
- B. Jesus Christ is the _____ in which all Christians should follow and find confidence. (vs. 6)
- When men are followed above God, they are put in the place of God.
- C. Christ is either the greatest help or the greatest hindrance to _____ God. (vs. 7-8)
- Once one rejects Christ as the path to God, the sincerest of efforts to reach God are rejected in return.

II. The Fortification

- A. God uses the living saints of today to build His _____, not just the dead saints of the past. (vs. 5)
- The best way to honor those saints who have accomplished great things, is to continue the work for which they lived and died.
- B. God is willing to use _____ to fortify His kingdom, as long as they have accepted Christ as the foundation. (vs. 10)
- Instead of excusing a life of spiritual inactivity with the phrase "I can't", let us remember that "God can".

- C. To be _____ in building God's kingdom, one must reject the offer of Satan to join his kingdom. (vs. 11)
- Neither God nor His enemy desire split loyalty, choose you this day whom you will serve.

III. The Function

- A. The function of God's kingdom (house) is to offer our lives as a _____ for God's purpose. (vs. 5)
- A life spent for God's glory is a life spent well.
- B. Sacrifices made outside of Christ's ultimate sacrifice are _____. (vs. 5)
- We must accept Christ's sacrifice before making our own.
- C. A life lived for the purpose of God's kingdom is a life which draws others to the _____. (vs. 9, 12)
- The best way to show your love for others is to see them saved.