

## Anatomy of Faith Part 2 – New Identity

### Intro/Review

The anchor: Is your life \_\_\_\_\_ toward Jesus?

Are you focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world or the person of Jesus?

Do you take your forgiveness seriously?

Is love your response to salvation?

1 Peter 2:1 “Therefore...”

Because your \_\_\_\_\_ is in Christ and you have been born again by God’s Word...

### “Your Response” (Vs.1-3)

- Vs. 1: Put aside the old \_\_\_\_\_ - The immature way the world treats each other.
- Vs. 2: Grow up! “Pure Spiritual Milk”: God’s \_\_\_\_\_, good teaching.
- Vs. 3: Now that you know the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!

### Your Place (Vs. 4-8)

#### The Foundation and the Stones

- “As you come”: \_\_\_\_\_ tense, visiting a friend
- “Living Stone”: Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s kingdom work
- We have the privilege of being part of the work God is \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus!
- The foundation is always Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_; we are the individual bricks God is using!
- Vs. 7-8: For those who don’t believe, Jesus is a speed bump!
- Our privilege is to add \_\_\_\_\_ to the building God is erecting!

### Your New Identity (vs. 9-12)

- Vs. 9: “Chosen People”: Like the Levites in the O. T. \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s use.
- The purpose of the new identity? – To \_\_\_\_\_ His glory to the world
- Vs. 11: Why we abstain: Not just to be good, to reflect \_\_\_\_\_! You are God’s ambassador!
- It is so important to live consistently so that you are a \_\_\_\_\_ for God
- *Could someone be turned off to Jesus by my behavior?*

### Living out the New Identity (vs. 13-25)

#### Vs. 13-17: GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

- “For the Lord’s sake”: not just to be “good”, to \_\_\_\_\_ God
- \_\_\_\_\_ put them there!
- *Who was the major political leader in Peter’s day - \_\_\_\_\_!*
- *How do we respond to our leaders? Do we pray for them? Obey them? Respect them?*
- We don’t act like God’s chosen people when we \_\_\_\_\_, disobey, or mock the leaders he has placed us under

#### Vs. 18-25: SLAVES AND MASTERS

- Slavery common in early church, many members were slaves
- Responding to \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus
- Vs. 19: “Conscious of God” – aware of his \_\_\_\_\_
- Vs. 20: No benefit suffering when you \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- Vs.21: “To this you were called”: One purpose of our new identity in Christ is to \_\_\_\_\_ unjust suffering.

#### The Example of Jesus: Vs. 23-24

- He could have destroyed His enemies, was silent before them. \_\_\_\_\_ would make it right.
- How do we suffer unjustly because of our new identity? (family, friends, co-workers)
- We need to respond by \_\_\_\_\_ the people who mistreat us and \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- We can do this because of our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. We were nothing but now we are God’s \_\_\_\_\_, Bricks in His building, Sheep in His flock!

#### Application

- Is your response to being anchored in Christ a \_\_\_\_\_ in Him?
- What are you doing to help \_\_\_\_\_ on the foundation of the gospel?
- Are you consistently living out your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ so others will be attracted to Him?
- Do you respond to \_\_\_\_\_ the way Jesus did?