

## "Our Worship" 1 Peter 2.4-10

Main Point: Our worship proclaims the excellencies of God

The Basic Outline:

- How worship identifies us - we worship out of our identity - who God made us (vv. 4-5)
- How worship identifies God and his purposes in the world (vv. 9-10)
- The "Central Lens" of the Passage: Jesus as the Cornerstone (vv. 6-8)

Background of "Jesus as the Cornerstone":

- Israel was chosen by God to spread His glory (Exodus 19:4-6; Isaiah 60:1-3)
- An image for Israel's purpose in the world was a 'rejected stone' that God would save and build on (Psalm 118:22)
- One problem: Israel kept sinning
- God's response: He promises to become the Cornerstone
- Isaiah 8:13-14; Isaiah 28:16
- All God's promises and plans to be the Cornerstone are realized through Jesus Christ

Reasons for Our Worship:

1. Worship Identifies Us

2. Worship Identifies God and His Purposes in the World

Applications:

1. Prepare for worship all week
2. Don't settle for the "emotional high"

"Worship is not something we 'work up,' it is something that 'comes down' to us, from the character of God. The foundation of worship in the heart is not emotional...it is theological. There is a difference between going to a service 'for the worship' and going to a service 'to worship the Lord'. The distinction appears to be a minor one, but it may imply the difference between the worship of God and the worship of music!" - Sinclair Ferguson

3. Enjoy that worship is congregational  
Colossians 3:16