

# A Chosen & Precious People

## Sermon Outline:

What do you want to be when you grow up?

- The difference between a job and a vocation

### 1. Christian vocation starts with Jesus

1 Peter 2:4 'As you come to him, the living stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him'

1 Peter 2:6 (citing Isaiah 28:16) "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame"

John 2:19 "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days"

John 2:21 'But the temple he had spoken of was his body'

- He is a precious living stone

1 Peter 2:4 'chosen by God and precious to him'

1 Peter 2:6 'a chosen and precious cornerstone'

1 Peter 2:7 'to you who believe this stone is precious'

1 Peter 2:7-8 (citing Psalm 118:22 & Isaiah 8:14) 'But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall"'

- Jesus' value is not based on his popularity

- Jesus divides people

## **2. Our vocation in more detail**

- a. Believers are living stones

1 Peter 2:5 'you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house'

- b. Believers are priests

1 Peter 2:5 'you also ... are ... to be ... a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ'

Exodus 19:5-6 "If you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among the peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation"

- Priests in the Old Testament?
- Priests now?
- What are spiritual sacrifices?

1 Peter 2:9-10 'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light ... once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.'

With great privilege comes great responsibility

- Each day let's make sure we 'turn up'