

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:1 – 24

Scripture Text: **1 Peter 2:9-10 & 21-24**

### **Morning Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 1 – 10**

**1** Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, **3** if **you have tasted that the Lord is good.** **4** As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God— **5** you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in Scripture: **See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and honored cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.**

**7** So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving, **The stone that the builders rejected— this one has become the cornerstone,** **8** and **A stone to stumble over, and a rock to trip over.** They stumble because they disobey the word; they were destined for this.

**9** **But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.** **10** **Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

### **Devotional Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 11 – 24**

**11** Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. **12** Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles,<sup>[a]</sup> so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

**13** Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the emperor<sup>[a]</sup> as the supreme authority **14** or to governors as those sent out by him to punish those who do what is evil and to praise those who do what is good. **15** For it is God's will that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. **16** Submit as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God's slaves. **17** Honor everyone. Love the brothers and sisters. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**18** Household slaves, submit to your masters with all reverence not only to the good and gentle ones but also to the cruel. **19** For it brings favor if, because of a consciousness of God, someone endures grief from suffering unjustly. **20** For what credit is there if when you do wrong and are beaten, you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God.

**21** **For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.** **22** **He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth;** **23** **when he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.** **24** **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.**