



EXILES:

JOYFUL OR CYNICAL?

1 PETER



“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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“you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’ and ‘A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.”

1 Peter 2:1-8

Metaphor Madness & Simile Silliness

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2. Stand on (not stumble over) **the Stone**.

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Our response to the Stone:

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“By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified.... This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.”

Acts 4:10-11

As an exile ...

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1. focus on your **food**.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:16

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2. focus on your **foundation**.