

Positioned for Increase

Text: 1 Peter 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

1 Corinthians 12:18 *But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.*

Introduction: Every child of God is called and placed by God in His Church as it pleases Him for the purpose of increase. Jesus is the Rock upon which we all are established. Every one of us are His living stones built together for the purpose of increase.

1. You are called to be placed

- **You are a living stone in the House of God**

1 Peter 2:4 *To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ⁵ Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

- **You are called by God together with us**

Matthew 16:18 *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (a little rock), and upon this rock **I will build my church (the assembly of called out ones)**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

- **You are being equipped to Work**

Ephesians 4:11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

2. You are growing up to give out

Ephesians 4:15 *But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:** ¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

3. Break up all hardness and Give what you have been given

Ephesians 4:17 *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, ¹⁸ Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness (Hardness) of their heart: ¹⁹ Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But ye have not so learned Christ; ²¹ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt*

according to the deceitful lusts; ²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴ And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

- **Satan is defeated! He cannot hold you by seeking the interests and advantages that are advancing man alone!**

Matthew 16:23 (NCV) *Then Jesus said to Peter, "Go away from me, Satan! You are not helping me! You don't care about the things of God, but only about the things people think are important."*

- **Break up everything that holds you back from giving out**

Hosea 10:12 *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.*

Matthew 10:7-8 *And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: **freely ye have received, freely give.***

GOD IS JOINING YOU TO VICTORY AS A LIVING STONE TO GROW UP AND GIVE OUT!

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2 Corinthians 9:6 *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:***