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“Life in Christ: Privileges and Responsibilities”

1 Peter 2:1-10

- I. Those who are in Christ, you must grow spiritually (v.1-3)
 - a. Grow in Holiness, putting away sinful behavior
 - b. Grow in Dependency, by consuming spiritual nourishment
 - c. Growing in Holiness and Dependency are marks of Sanctification

- II. If you are in Christ, your are Spiritually united with Him. (v.4-6)
 - a. You will be rejected by men
 - b. You are precious in the sight of God
 - c. You are being built up as a spiritual house.
 - i. to be a holy priesthood,
 - ii. to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- III. Those who are in Christ will stand in contrast with the world (v 7-8)
 - a. Confirmation from the Old Testament Scriptures
 - b. Commendation for those who believe in Christ
 - c. Condemnation for those who reject Christ

- IV. Those who are in Christ, have both a tremendous Privilege and Responsibility (v.9-10)
 - a. Believers are Equipped for a Singular Responsibility
 - b. Believers are a Favored People who are recipients of God’s Mercy