“With Privilege Comes Responsibility”
I Peter 2:4-10

I. We Are Stones in the Same Building
Matthew 16:15-18; Ephesians 2:19-22

All true Christians belong to each other as stones in God’s building.
  • He is a living stone.
  • He was raised from the dead in victory.

Though rejected by men, Jesus was exalted by God!
The real cause of this Jewish stumbling was their refusal to submit to the Word.  I Peter 2:8

There is a unity of God’s people that transcends all local and individual assemblies and fellowships.

II. We Are Priests in the Same Temple

In the Old Testament period, God’s people had a priesthood.
Today God’s people are a priesthood.
Hebrews 10:19-25

Because He is alive in glory we can minister as holy priests.
It is a privilege to serve as a priest.

Peter mentioned especially the privilege of offering ‘spiritual sacrifices.’

There are seven spiritual sacrifices that we offer to God:

1. Our Bodies
   Romans 12:1-2

The unregenerate yield the members of their bodies to sin.
The redeemed yield their members as instruments of righteousness.
Romans 6:13

That is the total commitment He requires of spiritual priests.