

**HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM BEING DISCOURAGED WHEN SUFFERING?  
PART 2: REMEMBERING PRECIOUS CHRIST IS FOR US  
1Peter 2:7-8**

- I. **REVIEW: WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN WE SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN US THROUGH CHRIST:** As we come to Him through His Word, we are being built up as a spiritual temple to offer as holy priests spiritual sacrifices to God (4-6)
  
- II. **WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN UNDERSTAND PRECIOUS CHRIST IS FOR WE WHO BELIEVE (7-8)**
  - A. **Precious Christ is for us who believe (7a)**
  
  - B. **But the Cornerstone will be the eternal doom of those who do not believe (7b-8)**

*(NEXT TIME, LORD WILLING)*

- III. **WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN WE SEE HOW GOD VALUES US AS HIS POSSESSION:** In contrast, we believers are the chosen people and valued possession of God, destined to proclaim His excellences, because of His great mercy (9-10)
  - A. **Our identity in Christ:** A chosen, royal, holy possession (9a)
  - B. **His purpose for us:** Called out of darkness into His marvelous light to proclaim His excellencies (9b)
  - C. **All because we have now received His mercy** and are now His people (10)