## SPIRITUAL PRIVILEGES—PART 3 (1 Peter 2:6-9*b*)

- I. Our SECURITY in Christ (1 Peter 2:6)
  - A. Cites SCRIPTURE as his AUTHORITY (cf. Isa. 28:16)
  - B. Calls on people to "BEHOLD" the divine LAYING of the Stone
  - C. Describes the divine CHARACTER of the Stone
    - 1. As CHOSEN
    - 2. As PRECIOUS
    - 3. As the "CORNER STONE"
  - D. Promises the divine RELIABILITY of the Stone
    - 1. You can TRUST in HIM
    - 2. You won't be DISAPPOINTED
- II. Our STATUS in Christ (1 Peter 2:7-8)
  - A. Believers PARTICIPATE in the HONOR that is Christ's
  - B. Unbelievers are DESTROYED for DISOBEDIENCE

- 1. They REJECT the Stone they NEED
- 2. He becomes to them a "stone of STUMBLING"
- III. Our ELECTION by Christ (1 Peter 2:9*a*)
  - A. The most PRIDE-CRUSHING doctrine
  - B. The most GOD-EXALTING doctrine
  - C. The most HOLINESS-PROMOTING doctrine
  - D. The most STRENGTH-GIVING doctrine
  - E. The most JOY-PRODUCING doctrine
- IV. Our DOMINION with Christ (1 Peter 2:9*b*)
  - A. Priests in SERVICE to the KING
  - B. Priests who RULE with the KING
    - 1. PATTERNED after Melchizedek (Heb. 7:14-17; cf. Gen. 14:18-20)
    - 2. ESTABLISHED by Christ Jesus (Heb. 4:15)