**The Epistle of 1st PETER**

Chapter 2

Living Holy

1. Grow in the Faith (1-3)
2. The Cornerstone (4-8)
3. A Royal People of the Most High Priest (9-12)
4. A Submissive Spirit, A Submissive Christ (13-25)

*Summary: Here, Peter nurtures the newcomers by teaching them regarding their spiritual maturing and growth in Christ Jesus. He points to the need for humility and submission, something that should not be misunderstood. The very familiar reference, “The Stone that the builders rejected” is found in this chapter, a quote Peter most likely borrows from the Old Testament. Relevant to the Black Church, is his reference to God’s people as a Royal Priesthood.*

**Study Questions**

1. Why does Peter use *newborns* as a metaphor here?
2. What does *submission* actually mean in this context, and what is the relevance for today’s Christian?
3. What is the meaning of “priesthood” here – how can we as African Americans be considered as “royal”? If you do not agree with this assumption, say why.
4. The “Cornerstone” quote is found in several places in Scripture; name 3 other than here.

**Notes**