

Matthew 10; Holy Nation

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Matthew 10:1 (ESV)

And Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and **gave them authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

The USA is founded on Christian principles. Many of the founding fathers were Christians. Those that were not Christians still embraced Christian values. Yet Jesus was not looking at a particular country to be established as a Holy Nation. The OT shows us the physical Temple and the physical nation. Jesus came to this physical temple and nation and expanded HIS ministry manifest to a spiritual temple and spiritual nation. This spiritual temple and nation in the NT is called the church. In Matthew 10:1, Jesus' teaching and method of growth is to give power and authority to people.

HOOK: The Church is The Holy Nation of God!

The Church is Transformed people with Power and authority! Trusting Jesus brings people into the church with restoration and eternal life.

1 Peter 2:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ As you come to him, a **living stone** rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like **living stones** are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

This spiritual house has as its corner stone Jesus Christ. Jesus is identified as a living stone. We as believers in Jesus are identified as living stones connected to Jesus building up a spiritual house. The collective living stones connected to Jesus make up the church, the Holy Nation of God.

Peter continues to describe these living stones and their function.

1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ But you are a **chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation**, a people for **his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but **now you are God's people**.

This Living Stone reality, this new relationship, we proclaim.

LOOK #1 Holy Nation – Living Stones – The church is integrated with Christ.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives in me**.

Look #2 Holy Nation – Living Stones Message – Our Relationship – As Living Stones we share our experience of Christ.

1 John 1:1–3 (ESV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Living Stones Message:

1John 1:1

which we have heard
which we have seen with our eyes
which we looked upon and have touched with our hands

1John 1:2

we have seen it
(we) testify to it and proclaim to you
which ... was made manifest to us

1John 1:3

which we have seen
(which we) heard we proclaim to you
so that you too may have fellowship with us

TOOK: What have you heard, seen, touched, is what we will proclaim.

An individual's encounter with Christ becomes their life message. We have the solid Word of God and its associated instruction. However, we have our experiential encounter with God which is always consistent with the Word of God.

Salvation – Little Red Wagon

Cynthia, Michael, etc.

Words

Healing

Tongues

Freedom

Restoration

Prayer

Transformation

The Holy Nation, Living Stones with identity, with experience, with message!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!