

Sermon Notes – May 7, 2023 - Keeping Focus on the Eternal  
Acts 7:51-69 and 1 Peter 2:5, 9-10

I. Faith in God's Gift of Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ Changes Our Thinking

- Our \_\_\_\_\_

- Not living only for today and next \_\_\_\_\_ only

- Living daily for \_\_\_\_\_

- Our \_\_\_\_\_

- All things of this temporary world are \_\_\_\_\_

- "If you don't keep at it, the \_\_\_\_\_ will always go back to the \_\_\_\_\_"

- 2nd of Law of Thermodynamics in this Life – Order tends to \_\_\_\_\_

- But Jesus' Death and Resurrection is the gift of life and \_\_\_\_\_ by

His eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ restores life with Him and His \_\_\_\_\_ in our life

- His order lasts \_\_\_\_\_

- Do we believe this or not? We will receive God's life and order or not?

- How does God's eternal and certain life and order affect our choices and behaviors?

John 14:1-4

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going."

Not temporary, but an \_\_\_\_\_ home. And a \_\_\_\_\_ .

1 Peter 2:5

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ built up as a spiritual house.

holy \_\_\_\_\_

spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ acceptable to God through Jesus

What thinking and behavior did Jesus teach was acceptable to God?

1.

2.

Acts 7:55-60

55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Even \_\_\_\_\_ are loved. Our daily work is for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_ out of love for God.

*God's eternal love for us in Jesus is the foundation of our daily thoughts and actions.*