

Deane Church + Lostock Church
w/b Sunday 17th June 2018
1 Peter 2:1-10

The Church

This is the 'belief' statement of a church in London. And no it isn't a Church of England church!

Our minister and most (of our) members do not believe in a supernatural God, but we firmly believe in Good.

We believe that there's potential for good in every person, no matter how wounded they may be, or how buried that potential may lie.

We believe that although today's world is riven with injustice, we must always hope for - and work towards - a kinder, fairer future.

We believe that the world **can** be good - and can grow ever better. And this responsibility lies firmly in our own hands.

1. What do you like about their statement?
2. What do you not like about their statement?

Read 1 Peter 2:1-10

3. What does this passage tell us about:

- (i) Jesus Christ
- (ii) Jesus Christ's people

4. Taking each in turn, how can we allow these four truths about the Christian's status to encourage us in the nitty-gritty of life?

- (a) a chosen people (b) a royal priesthood (c) a holy nation (d) God's special possession.

Please be praying and booking in for the mission week events. And do come along to the launch service at **St Bede's** (with guest preacher the Bishop of Bolton) if you possibly can: 7.30pm Tuesday 26th June.

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