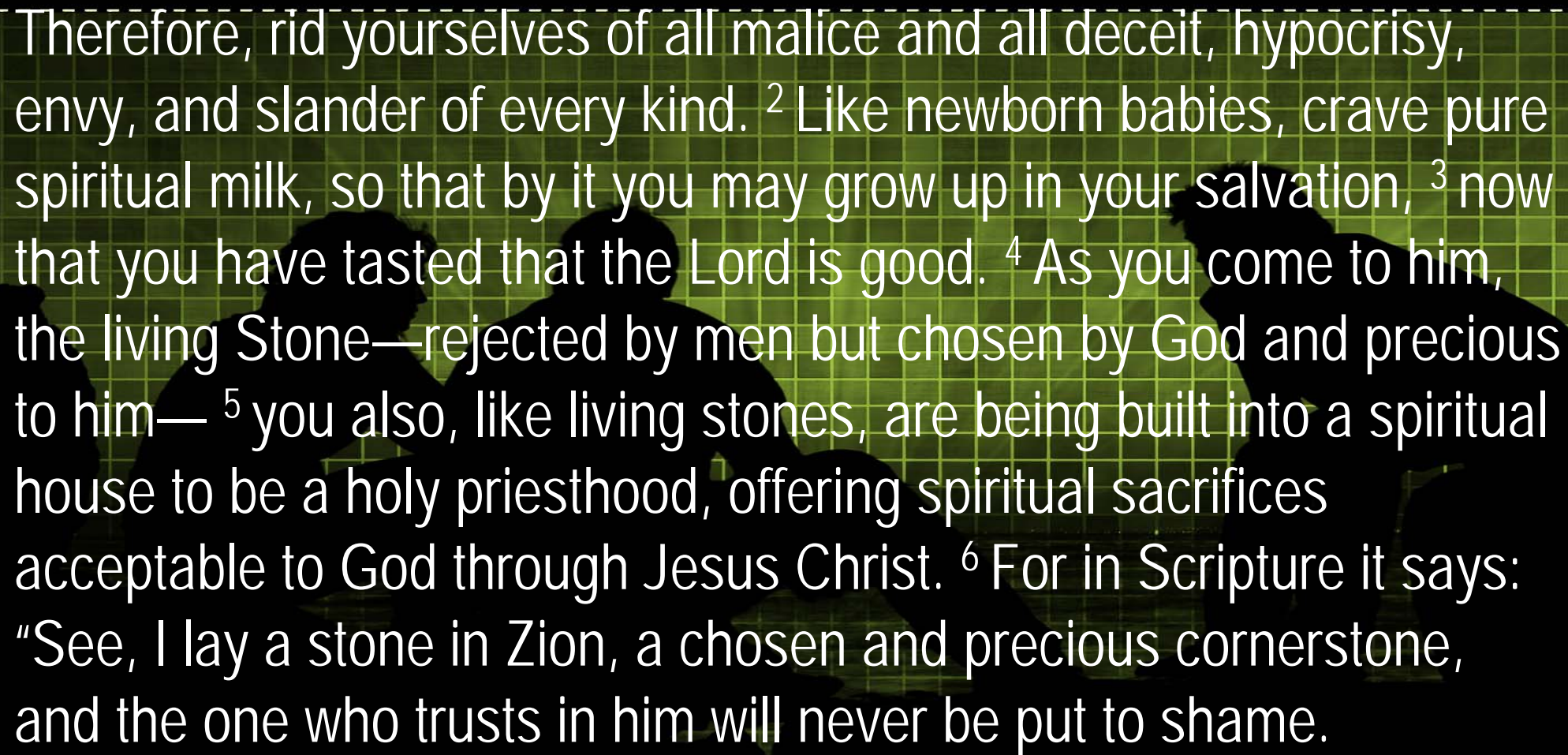


The image features three dark silhouettes of people sitting on a light-colored tiled floor. They are positioned in a semi-circle, facing each other as if in conversation. The background is a wall of light-colored square tiles. The overall lighting is dim, with the primary light source being the wall behind them, which creates a soft glow and highlights the grid pattern of the tiles. The text is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font.

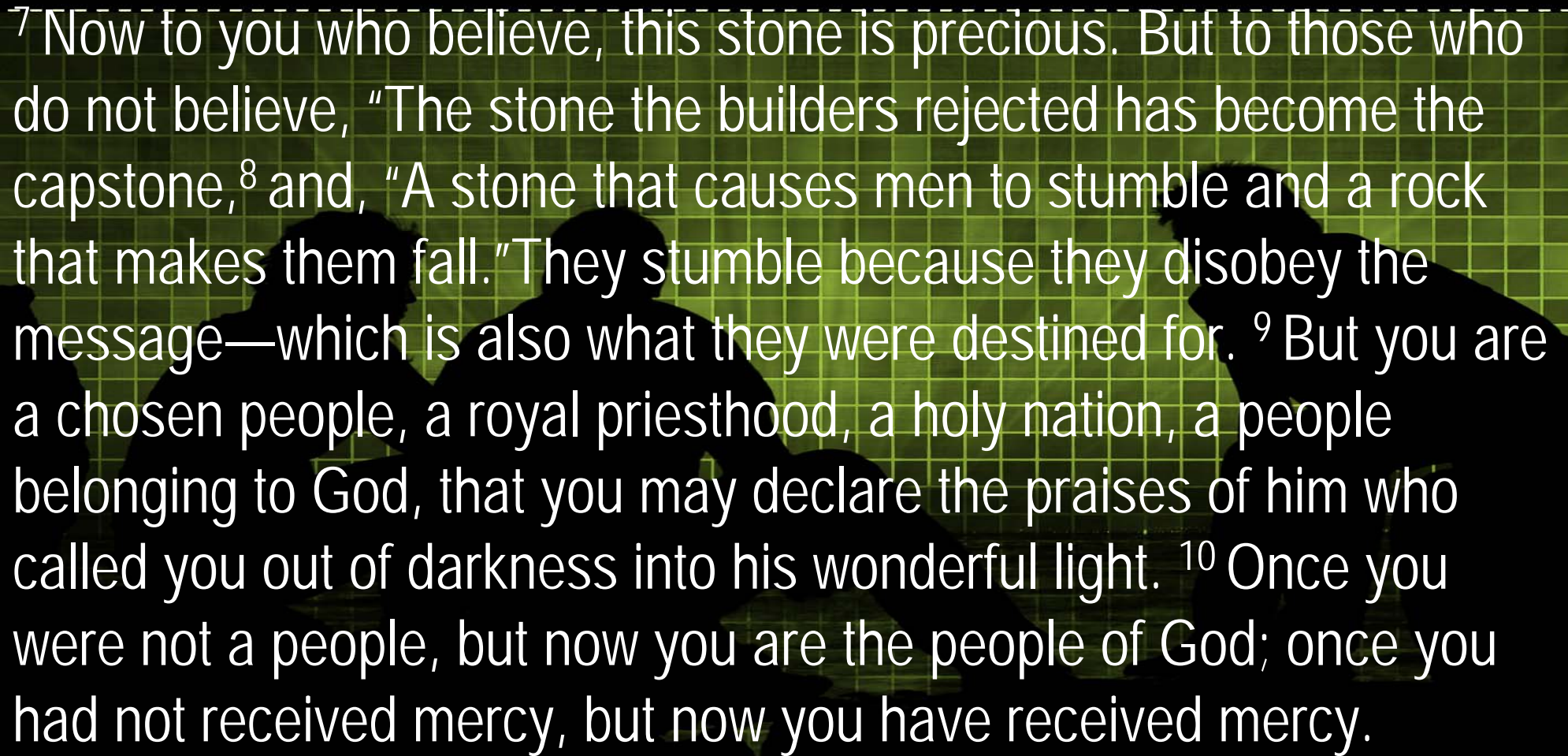
Am I Engaging In
Spiritual Friendships
With Other Believers?

Main Idea:

We grow in God's character and holiness in the context of spiritual relationships with other believers.

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Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.

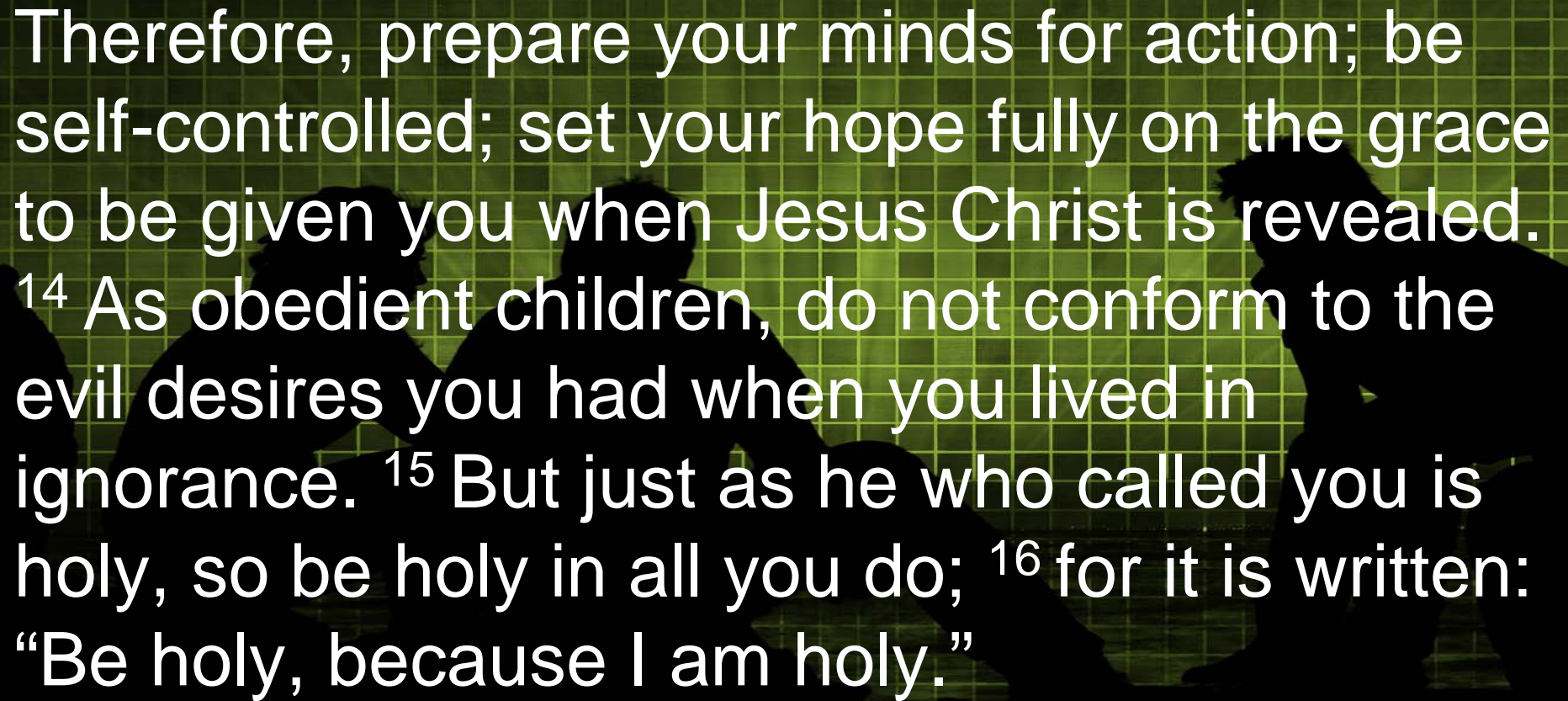
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⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,"⁸ and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The background features a grid pattern of small squares in a light green color. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of several people are visible, appearing to be sitting or kneeling on the floor. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the grid pattern providing a subtle glow.

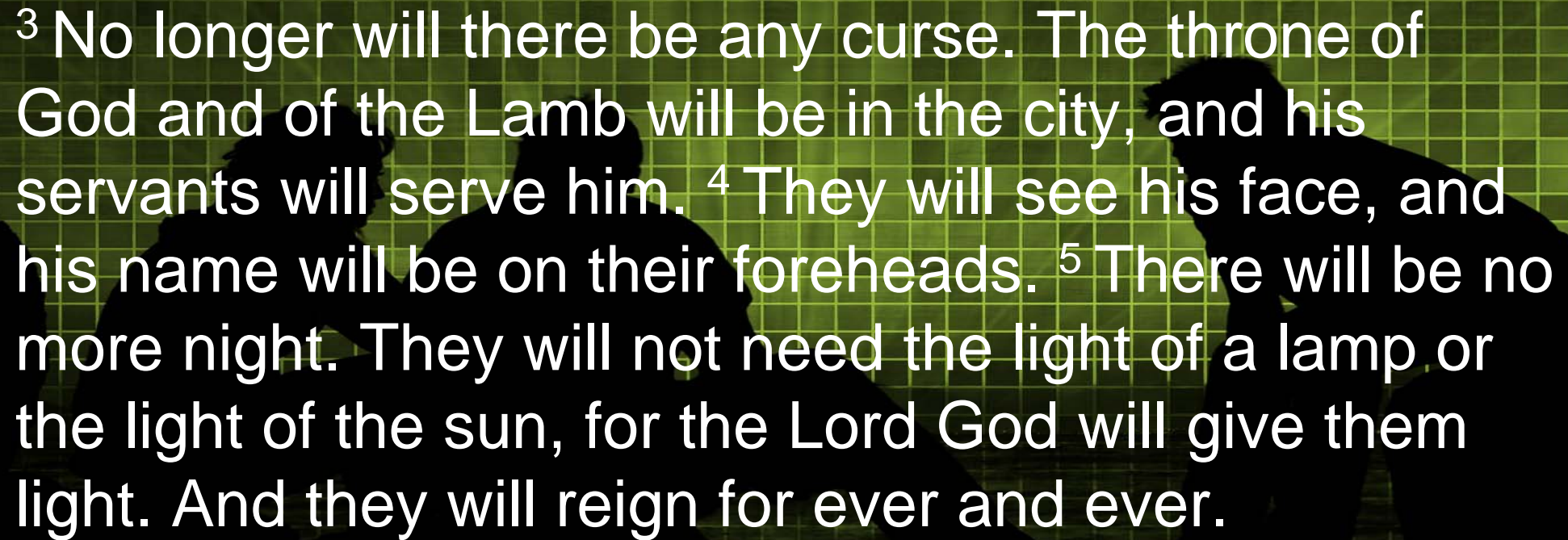
We are called to:

- Holiness
- A Household
- A Priesthood

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Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.
¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:13-16

The background of the slide features a green grid pattern. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of several people kneeling in prayer, their heads bowed and hands clasped. The text is overlaid on this background in a white, sans-serif font.

³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:3-5

The image features a dark background with a glowing green grid pattern. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, appearing to be in a meditative or contemplative state. One person on the right is leaning forward with their head resting on their hand. The text is centered over the scene in a white, serif font.

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