

Is Jesus Your Corner Stone? Or Stumbling Stone?

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1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1Pe 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...

I. Wherefore (*for which cause, because of these things, in reaction to these things*)

A. 1Pe 1:13 Wherefore... (*in reaction to these things*)

1Pe 1:4 ...an inheritance...reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation...

1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice...

1Pe 1:8 ...though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable...

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently...

1Pe 1:12 ...which things the angels desire to look into.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore (*in reaction to these things*) [gird up, have hope, be holy]

B. 1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch... (*in view of the fact that*)

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things...

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

C. 1Pe 2:1 Wherefore... (*in reaction to these things*)

1Pe 1:23 Being born again...by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever...

1Pe 1:25 ...And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore... (*in reaction to these things*) [put off the old and put on the new]

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

D. 1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also (*in further reaction to all these things & the spiritual house*)

II. It is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone

Isa 28:16 ...Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Psa 118:22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

Psa 118:23 This is the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

Mat 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Luk 20:17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

Luk 20:18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Rom 9:32 Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

III. *Elect, precious, and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded (put to shame)*

Isa 28:16 ...he that believeth shall not make haste (*be impatient*).

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

IV. *Unto you therefore which believe he is precious*

Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Mat 13:45 ...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Mat 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Joh 6:68 ...Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Joh 6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God...

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed...

V. *But unto them which be disobedient...*

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1Pe 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

A. **Two groups**

Joh 10:24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 I and *my* Father are one.

Joh 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Act 28:24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

Act 13:48 ...as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Joh 12:37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him...

Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

Joh 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

B. ...Whereunto also they were appointed

Exo 4:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

—The account in Exodus speaks of Pharaoh's hardened heart 19 times

—12 times God hardened —4 times Pharaoh hardened —3 times uncertain

Exo 9:16 And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

Rom 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Rom 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

Jud 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Act 4:26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

Act 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

Act 4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

VI. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people

A. Chosen

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,
according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace...

B. Generation —(From the Greek word *genos*)

Act 4:6 ...the kindred (*genos*) of the high priest, were gathered together...

Act 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring (*genos*) of God...

Act 18:2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born (*genos*) in Pontus...

C. Royal priesthood

Rev 1:5 ...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father...

D. Holy nation

Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and
unreproveable in his sight:

E. Peculiar people

—From a Latin word for ‘private property’; Belonging to a person and to him only; One’s
own; A people especially possessed by God and particularly prized by Him

Eph 1:14 ...the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.