

# Precious Cornerstone

## 1 Peter 2:4-10

### PART ONE

“like newborn infants, long for/crave the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation” (1 Peter 2:2)

John 8:47, “whoever is of God hears the words of God.”

“For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being” (Romans 7:22).

Job 23:12: “I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.”

Longing for the Word of God should not rise out of a sense of duty, but out of an unmitigated driving *desire!*

James 1:18, “Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

“holding fast to the word of life” (Philippians 2:16).

“these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

**Set aside the word of God and you set aside the *work* of God.**

**Nearness to Christ brings likeness to Christ.**

*“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious” (v4).*

### **The Two Domains of Jesus Christ**

- 1) His Rejection
- 2) His Exaltation

“He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not” (Isaiah 53:3).

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

“But he looked directly at them and said, ‘What then is this that is written: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him” (Luke 20:17-18).

“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11).

“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

### **The Cornerstone...**

- † Is the first foundation stone set.
- † All other stones are set in reference to it.
- † Is responsible for establishing level and square.
- † Is often buried underground with the rest of the foundation stones.
- † Is plain, unadorned, unnoticed.
- † Joins the two walls together.

**Jesus has torn down the manmade walls of hatred that divide us, picking up the rubble, transforming them into *living stones* He is using to build His Church.**

### **Ephesians 2:14-22**

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

### **A Counterfeit Building – *The Manmade Tower of Babel* – Genesis 11:1-9**

“Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth’” (v4).

### **A Spiritual Building – *The Holy Temple of God***

*The Cause:* Acts 2:1-12; 22-24; 33, 36-38,

*The Effect:* vv. 41-47

- God drew His dispersed people together at Pentecost.
- God filled His messengers, the disciples, with the Holy Spirit.
- God drew them all together with a common language and a unified understanding.
- God is building His Church universal.