

The Cornerstone and the Living Stones Exhortation

1 Peter 2:4-10

I. The Scriptural Background of the Text

v. 6 – From Isaiah 28:16

v. 7 – From Psalm 118:22-23

v. 8 – From Isaiah 8:14-15

v. 10 – Hosea 1:6-9; 1:10-2:1; 2:23

II. The Contrast between Believers and Unbelievers

1. We come to Him, they reject Him -- v. 4
2. To us He is precious, to them He is not
3. We will never be put to shame, they will suffer eternal shame
4. We have obtained mercy, they have not obtained mercy
5. We are His covenant people, they are not a people

III. The Importance of a Cornerstone

1. It is the first and most important stone
2. Every religion has a cornerstone
3. Jesus Christ is the Living Cornerstone of the Church – v.4

IV. Through Him we are Living Stones – v. 5

1. A spiritual house made up of living stones
2. The Bible knows nothing of a “Churchless Christianity”