

The Precious Stone

TEXT: 1 Peter 2:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL PROPHECY.
 - 1. Prophecies referred to continually by the apostles.
 - 2. **Psalms 118:22; Isaiah 28:16; 8:14.**
- B. JESUS THE CORNERSTONE OF A GREAT BUILDING - THE CHURCH.
- C. LET'S LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THIS FIGURE & OUR PART IN IT.

I. CHRIST, THE LIVING STONE.

- A. AN EXPRESSION OF STRENGTH AND POWER.
 - 1. The power of God seen in Jesus (**Ephesians 1:19-20**).
 - a. Demonstrated in his authority (**Ephesians 1:20-23; Matthew 28:18**).
 - b. in his works (**John 3:2; Acts 2:22**). i.e. Lazarus, blind man, the sea.
 - c. in the church (**Matthew 16:18**).
 - 2. The implications of that power.
 - a. **Luke 21:33**. Power of his word to judge (**John 12:48**).
 - b. **John 11:25**. The resurrection and the life (**John 5:21-22, 24-29**).
- B. CHRIST THE **LIVING** STONE (**Hebrews 4:15; 7:25; 9:27-28**).
- C. THE **FOUNDATION** STONE.
 - 1. The church built on him (**1 Peter 2:4, 6-7, Matthew 16:16-18**).
 - 2. We also as living stones (**verse 5**).
 - a. spiritual house (**Ephesians 2:20-22**).
 - b. holy priesthood (**Romans 12:1**).

II. "REJECTED INDEED OF MEN."

- A. HIS OWN PEOPLE RECEIVED HIM NOT (**John 1:11**).
- B. THEY FINALLY PUT HIM TO DEATH (**Acts 2:22-23, 36**).
- C. WHY? (**John 6:15; 18:36; 6:26-27, 35, 63**).
- D. JESUS IS REJECTED TODAY (**Matthew 7:13-14**).

III. GOD'S APPROVAL CLEARLY SEEN - "WITH GOD ELECT."

- A. KNOWN & CHOSEN BEFORE THE WORLD (**1 Peter 1:18-20**).
- B. PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYES (**John 17:4-5; Philippians 2:8-11**).

IV. "UNTO WHOM COMING" - OUR DUTY.

- A. WE HAVE A DUTY TO COME TO JESUS (**John 14:6**).
- B. CANNOT COME UNLESS GOD DRAWS US (**John 6:44-45**).
- C. CALLED OR DRAWN THROUGH THE GOSPEL (**2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16**).

CONCLUSION: WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL DEMAND OF US?