

A Chief Corner Stone, Elect, Precious – 1 Peter 2:4-11

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I. Our Lord Jesus Christ is a Living Stone.

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A. A Living Stone disallowed of men.

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1 Peter 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.*”

B. A Living Stone chosen (elect) of God (the Father).

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Isaiah 28:16 – “*Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, 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.*”

C. A Living Stone precious to believers.

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D. A Living Stone of judgment unto unbelievers.

1 Peter 2:7-8 – “*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, 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.***”

Isaiah 8:13-15 – “*Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. **And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.***”

II. In Christ we also are lively (living) stones.

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B. Lively stones having obtained saving mercy from God.

1 Peter 2:10 – “*Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: **which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.***”

C. Lively stones having been called out of darkness unto God’s marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 – “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.***”

Colossians 1:12-13 – “*Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.***”

D. Lively stones being made a chosen generation of God.

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E. Lively stones being built up a spiritual house in Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5 – “***To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 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.***”

Colossians 2:6-7 – “***As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.***”

F. Lively stones to show forth the praises of the Lord our God.

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Romans 12:1 – “***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.***”

Hebrews 13:15-16 – “***By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.***”

G. Lively stones to abstain from the lusts of our sinful flesh.

1 Peter 2:11 – “***Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.***”