

A Life Built on Jesus

1 Peter 2:4-7

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I. The Church as a Building

A. The Foundation (1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:19-20)

B. Christ as the Chief Cornerstone

C. Believers as the Building Stones

By its nature a stone has:

Structure-

Strength-

Durability-

By its analogy, a “living stone” also has:

Flexibility-

Mobility-

Opportunity-

II. The Church as a Priesthood

3 key things about a priest:

Has access to God-

Brings others to God-

Brings an offering to God-

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Bible Study Questions

1. In this message we noted that God selects what others reject. Share a time in your life where you felt rejection. How did you respond? Share successes in overcoming rejection.

2. Explore how fully God accepts and chooses us. Rom. 15:7; Eph. 1:3-4; Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:2-5; 2 Thess. 2:13

3. Rodney King asked the question: “Why can’t we all just get along?” Give a biblical answer to Rodney of what it takes for people to get along (you supply the passages).

4. Read 1 Cor. 3:1. What are some other foundations that people attempt to lay? What do they discover about their foundation and the building of their lives? What if Christ is only a brick in the wall of our lives, rather than the cornerstone of the foundation?

5. The passage talks about the rejection of Christ while here on earth. Discuss the following more subtle rejections that could happen in the life of a believer:
 - a. Those who are looking for a Christ who will bring material prosperity here on earth, when it is spiritual prosperity that He promised.
 - b. Those looking for a Christ that will let them continue to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin while giving eternal salvation.
 - c. Those who want a Christ who will be there when they need Him in a crisis, but will leave them alone when things are going well.

6. In addition to the stone-like qualities of structure, strength, and durability, it was noted that “living stones” also have flexibility, mobility, and opportunity. Share a personal desire or request in one of these areas, and pray for one another.