

THE SOLID ROCK
1 PETER 2:4-8 / 8-21-19 / WED

I. FIRST, JESUS IS THE ONLY RELIABLE CORNERSTONE—2:4.

- A. Jesus is a stone according to Peter.

- B. Peter knew something about stones because his name means “rock”.
 - 1. Jesus gave him that name—Matt. 16:16-18.

 - 2. Jesus wasn’t calling Peter the rock, but rather his confession about Jesus.

 - 3. It is Jesus who is the rock of our salvation, not Peter or any other man.

- C. What kind of cornerstone is Peter saying that Jesus is?
 - 1. Jesus is a “living” stone referring to his resurrection from the dead.

 - 2. Jesus is a “rejected” not only by Israel but by all who fail to confess him as Lord.

 - 3. Jesus is a “chosen” stone.
 - a. Chosen by God.
 - b. Chosen by all who confess him as Lord—“**as you come to him**”

 - 4. Jesus is a “precious” stone.

 - 5. Jesus is a “lone” stone—2:6.

II. SECOND, WE ARE THE BRICKS—2:5.

- A. Peter says every Christian is a stone, a living stone.
 - 1. Living in the sense that we are like our cornerstone, Jesus.

 - 2. Living also in the sense we have been given the promise of life after death.

B. Individually we are a temple, the temple of the Holy Spirit living in us.

C. Collectively we comprise the church, the body of Christ on earth.

III. THIRD, THE CORNERSTONE HAS PROFOUND IMPACT—2:7-8.

A. Jesus has profound impact on those who accept him—**7a-- Now to you who believe, this stone is precious...**

B. Jesus also has profound impact on those who reject him—**7b-8a-- But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” (Quote from Psa. 118:22).**

1. Jesus was rejected by the “builders” referring to the nation of Israel—1 Cor. 1:23.

2. Jesus’ rejection was predicted—**8b--... They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.**