

Series: Living in Exile
"Jesus Our Cornerstone"
I Peter 2:4-8

"Every preposition seems to have been exhausted by the Word of God in emphasizing the necessity of a foundational relationship with Christ- "in Christ," "through Christ," "by Christ," "with Christ," "unto Christ." In every conceivable way Christ is proclaimed as the all-essential."- **J.H. Jowett**

I Peter 2:4-8 *As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

Question #1: What does this passage reveal about Jesus? (Him)

-Jesus is alive.

I Peter 2:4 *As you come to him, a living stone ...*

-Jesus is treasured by God.

I Peter 2:4 *As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,*

-Jesus is the foundation of the Church.

Isaiah 28:16 *therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'*

I Corinthians 3:10-11 *According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

"If any person or any power or any wisdom or any love awakens any admiration or any amazement or any joy, let it be the greatest Person and the greatest power and the greatest wisdom and the greatest love that exists – Jesus Christ."- **John Piper**

Question #2: What does this passage reveal about Jesus' followers? (You, me, us)

-We are alive because of Him.

I Peter 2:5 *you yourselves like living stones ...*

I John 5:11-12 *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

-We are accepted because of Him.

I Peter 2:5 *you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

“The great thing about this cornerstone: you don’t build this building and then hope to be accepted by God; the cornerstone of this building is your acceptance by God. The gospel is that Christ has been rejected in your place, so you can be accepted in His.”- **J. D. Greear**

Takeaways:

-With Him, I cannot lose.

I Peter 2:6-7 *For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, ...*

-Without Him, I will never win.

I Peter 2:7-8 *... but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

Because God treasured the cornerstone, Jesus, you should treasure Him.