

# LIVING STONES

1 PETER 2:4-10

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**4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,**

**5 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.**

**6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.**

**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,**

## **1 Peter 2:4-10 - continued**

**8 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.**

**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;**

**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.**

# Introduction

**A. Two key questions were asked in Peter's life**

**1. The first question**

**Matthew 16:15-16**

**15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?**

**16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

**2. The last question**

**John 21:15**

**So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.**

# Introduction

## **B. Consider the first of these questions**

- 1. What was the impact of this question on Peter's life?**
- 2. What has been the impact of this question on Christianity?**
- 3. How did Peter understand the Lord's response to his answer?**

# **I. Peter Was The Stone (Matthew 16:13-20)**

**A. Where was first question? (16:13)**

**Away from religious leaders**

**B. When was this question asked? (16:13)**

**After being warned of the religious leaders' doctrine**

**C. Who was asked this question? (16:13)**

**Those who had responded to Christ's call**

**D. What was the first answer to the question? (16:14)**

**That which was the common belief**

**E. What is the right answer to the question? (16:16)**

**That which is acceptable to God**

# **I. Peter Was The Stone (Matthew 16:13-20)**

**F. What was the Lord's response to Peter? (16:18)**

**G. What is the confusion concerning this answer?  
(16:18)**

- 1. Some think Christ was saying Peter was the rock on which He would build His church**
- 2. Peter understood this to mean he was a stone in the church built on Christ the Rock**

## **II. Christians Are Living Stones (1 Peter 2:4)**

**A. Peter calls all believers “stones”**

**B. Why stones?**

**1. Nothing is more dead than a stone**

**2. This describes all people without Christ**

**Romans 6:23a**

**For the wages of sin is death; ...**

**Ephesians 2:1b**

**...who were dead in trespasses and sins;**



## **II. Christians Are Living Stones (1 Peter 2:4)**

### **C. Believers are stones come to life – “living stones”**

#### **1. Declares the power of Christ to give life**

**Ephesians 2:5**

**Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

#### **2. The most desperate and sinful can be saved**

**Colossians 2:13-14**

**13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

**14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;**

# **Consider The Altar Built At The Jordan River**

## **Deuteronomy 27:6-8**

**5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them.**

**6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God:**

**7 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the LORD thy God.**

**8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.**

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### **D. Living stones demonstrate variety in the church**

**1. The church is built of God-made stones, no two stones are exactly alike**

**2. Jesus will use each of us in a special way**

**Romans 12:4-5**

**4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:**

**5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**

# **III. Jesus Christ Is The Cornerstone**

**(1 Peter 2:4, 6-8)**

**A. Christ is the only foundation to build our lives on**

**Matthew 7:24-25**

**24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**

**25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**

**1 Corinthians 3:11**

**For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

# **III. Jesus Christ Is The Cornerstone**

**(1 Peter 2:4, 6-8)**

**B. This foundation is strong because it is solid rock**

**Deuteronomy 32:4**

**He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.**

**Psalms 18:2a**

**The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust;**

### **III. Jesus Christ Is The Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4, 6-8)**

**C. All who do not build upon Him build on sand**

**Matthew 7:26-27**

**26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:**

**27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**

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**D. This Rock has been rejected by men (2:7)**

**John 1:11-12**

**11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**

**12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**



**Will You Reject Christ Or Build Your Life Upon  
Him?**