

The Stone: Choice or Challenge
1 Peter 2:6-8

John 1:40-42

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah "(which translated means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas "(which is translated Peter

Luke 9:44

"Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men."

Psalm 52:1

Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The lovingkindness of God endures all day long.

James 1:16-18

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. ¹⁸In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

Psalm 118:22

The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.

Isaiah 8:14

Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

I. The Stone is Precious: To the Father - V 6a

Matthew 21:42

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES '

Romans 9:33

just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

II. The Stone is Esteemed: by Believers - V 6b-7a

Isaiah 28:16

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John 10:3-4, 14, 27-28

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴"When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

¹⁴*I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,*

²*"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;*
²⁸*and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

John 8:42

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

John 14:21

"He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

III. The Stone is Stumbled Over: By the Disobedient - V 7b-8**Isaiah 8:14-15**

"Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ "Many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught."

John 3:18, 36

He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

³⁶"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

1 Corinthians 16:22

If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed. Maranatha.