

## I Am the Chief Cornerstone

My friend,

I am the chief cornerstone. In a building, this chief cornerstone, or foundational stone, is the first to be laid. It is essential because all the other stones will be aligned based on this stone, which will determine the position of the whole structure. Without this stone, solid construction is impossible.

I am a firm and tested stone, a precious cornerstone laid by My Father that's safe to build on...whoever believes in Me will never be shaken with panic or put to shame.

Yet, I'm also the stone that the builders rejected. Rejected by the scribes and pharisees, those who were religious but not at all spiritual, who were busy analyzing the Scriptures, frantically poring over them in hopes of gaining eternal life. Yet, they had no desire to build their lives on Me. Buildings without foundations...

They wanted a stone cut out according to their rules, their laws, their model, but I came in a very different way than they expected. So they rejected Me and even demanded My death. There, in a quarry of rubbish and broken stones, the cross was raised. And I was spit upon, mocked, insulted, deserted, and put to death.

But I, this stone rejected by the builders, became the chief cornerstone. The stone was rolled away! There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which men must be saved. And you know this name, My name: Jesus!

Because you have believed in Me, in My sacrifice for you, I have made you a living stone. You're no longer a foreigner or stranger but a fellow citizen with My people and a member of My household. You were built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Me, Jesus, as the chief cornerstone! In Me, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple.

Yes, I am the principal rock of the Church. And yet, one day, I said to my disciple, Peter, "Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Like I did with Peter and so many others, I build My Church. And I build it with you, living stone. Because you are a stone too, and upon Me, the chief cornerstone, I build your life and I build My Church.

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**I am Jesus!**

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## **Think about me...**

- What did you learn about me today?
- What are the principles you should remember?
- What are you going to do to be more like me today?

## **In the Bible:**

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord."* ([Ephesians 2:19-21, NIV](#))

*""You are busy analyzing the Scriptures, frantically poring over them in hopes of gaining eternal life. Everything you read points to me, yet you still refuse to come to me so I can give you the life you're looking for—eternal life!""* ([John 5:39-40, TPT](#))

*"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.""* ([1 Peter 2:4-6, NIV](#))

*"For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."* ([Acts 4:11-12, NLT](#))

*""Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.""* ([Matthew 16:18, NLT](#))

*"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.""* ([Isaiah 28:16, NLT](#))