

Hope & The Work of God *1 Peter 2:4-10*



Building With Living Stones

God has called us to a life of building—not destroying. Solomon built God’s house with stones—now the Messiah Himself is building a new house with living stones.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress where I will never be shaken. *Psalm 62:2***

A. The Foundation And Chief Builder: Jesus 2:4, 6–8, 9b,

1. He is the living stone [foundation] 2:4a
“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” *1 Cor 3:11*
 - a. He is a precious foundation for believers 2:4b, 7a “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**” *Mat 3:17*
 - b. He is a stumbling block for unbelievers 2:8 “**To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.**” *2 Cor 2:16*
2. He is the cornerstone 2:6, 7b A stone that tied two wall together. He is the ‘living link’ that brings Jew and gentile together *Eph 2:11-22*. (See sidebar)
3. He is the chosen [elect] one 2:4c “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.” *Isa 28:16*
4. He is the light 2:9b “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” *John 1:4*

B. The Building And the Builders: Believers 2:5, 9a, 10

1. We are living stones 2:5a We also have an obligation to build His ‘living’ house! “Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.” *1Co 14:12*
2. We are royal priests 2:5b Now we can come directly into God’s presence without fear (*Heb 4:16*), and we are given the responsibility of bringing others to him also (*2Co 5:18-21*)
 - a. What are the spiritual sacrifices? They are sacrifices of the body (*Rom 12:1-2*), praise (*Heb 13:15*), self-dedication (*Eph 5:1-2*), good deeds (*Heb 13:6*), material possessions that are sacrificed or given over for God’s service (*Phil 4:18; Heb 13:16*)
3. We are a chosen people 2:9a, 10 We have been chosen by God as His very own, and we have been called to represent him to others. Our value comes from being one of God’s children, not from what you can achieve. We have worth because of what God does, not because of what we do.

Our Sacrifice of Praise 1 Chron 16:29

**“Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come before Him.**

Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!”

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NKJV)

:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

:6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHIEF CORNERSTONE, ELECT, PRECIOUS, AND HE WHO BELIEVES ON HIM WILL BY NO MEANS BE PUT TO SHAME.”

:7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE,”

:8 and “A STONE OF **STUMBLING** AND A **ROCK OF OFFENSE**.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Ephesians 2:14; 20-21 (NKJV)

:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation...

:20having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1**

1-The Solid Rock (526)

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Refrain)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

2-Blessed Be the Name of the Lord (64)

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,
Singing, “Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!”

3-I Love You, Lord (78)

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

4-My Jesus I Love Thee (79)

1. My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Closing Hymn

**“ Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the *beauty of holiness!*”**

5-O Lord, You're Beautiful (643)

1. O Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek;
And when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds in me.

2. O Lord, You're wonderful
Your touch is all I need;
And when Your hand is on this child,
Your healing I receive.

3. O Lord, Your beautiful,
Your face is all I seek;
And when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abound in me.