

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

1 Peter 2:4-10
Lesson #10
Rock of Ages
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“Rock of Ages,
 cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself
 in Thee;”

Augustus Toplady
 1763



Isaiah 26:4

“Trust in the Lord forever,
 for in God the Lord, we have
 an **everlasting Rock.**”

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1 Peter

*Operations Manual for Alien
 Ambassadors in a fallen world*

This is who we
 are “in Christ”

This is how we should
 express our identity

| | Indicative | Imperative | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| “chosen” | Salvation | Sanctification | In the church | | Shepherding | |
| Introduction | “salt” “light” | Rock of Ages | Submission | Suffering | | Conclusion |
| “aliens” | | | In the world | | | |
| | 1:1-2 | 1:3-12 | 1:13-2:12 | 2:13-3:12 | 3:13-4:19 | 5:1-11 |
| | | | | | | 5:12-14 |

Christians are called out of the world — and then sent back into the world.

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1 Peter 2:4-10

The Rock of Ages

A Living Stone

A Cornerstone

A Rejected Stone

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1 Peter 2

“4 And coming to Him as to **a living stone** which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 **you also, as living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, **a precious corner stone**, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

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“7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “*The stone which the builders **rejected**, this became the very corner stone,*” 8 and, “**a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense**”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.”

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"9 But you are *a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession*, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were *not a people, but **now you are the people of God***; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

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"11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 **Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles**, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation."

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It is the resurrected (living) Jesus, not the dead martyr that is the heart of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15

"17 and **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless**; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 **If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.**"

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



We have resurrection freedom available to us as aliens in this life.

Romans 6

"5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also **in the likeness of His resurrection**, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin;**"

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Matthew 16:18

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

Was Peter the rock?

Peter's answer - 1 Pet. 2:4-8

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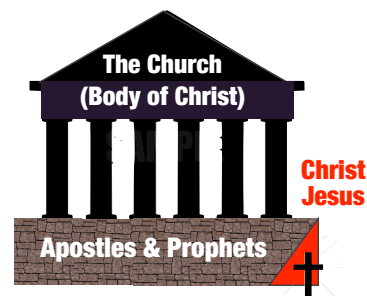
Isa.17:10, 28:16, 44:8, Ps.94:22, 118:8, 1 Cor.10:4, Acts 4:11, etc.

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Jesus is the rock upon which the church is built.

Ephesians 2:20-21

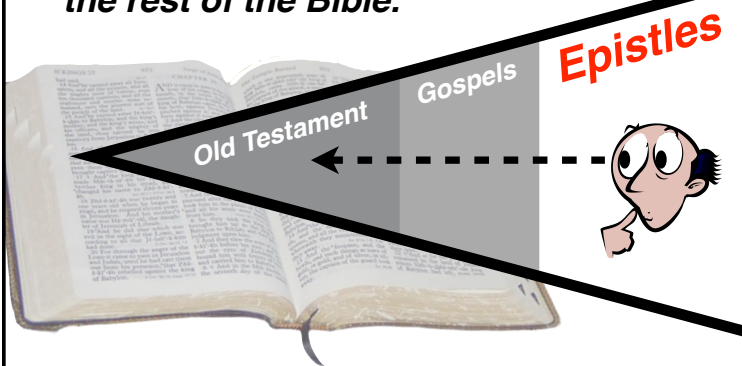
"having been built on the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the **cornerstone**, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy **temple** in the Lord."



- The Epistles of the N.T. are the foundation teaching of the church
- **which is based on the Cross and Resurrection of Christ**
- and displayed in and by the Body of Christ.

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The Epistles give us insight into the significance and meaning of the rest of the Bible.



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The Gospel of the Cross & Resurrection of Christ are at the center of Christianity.

1 Corinthians 15

“1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,. . .

3 For I delivered to you as **of first importance** what I also received, that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures,”



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1 Peter 3

“15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with **gentleness** and **reverence**; 16 and keep a **good conscience** so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your **good behavior** in Christ will be put to shame.

17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.”

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“Fundamentalism has fallen into the error of textualism, which is simply orthodoxy without the Holy Spirit - “Bible taught” and “Spirit taught.”

A.W. Tozer



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“We take a new convert and immediately make a worker out of him. God would first have us teach him how to worship so that his work would have God in it.”

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1 Corinthians 1:23

“23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a **stumbling block**, and to Gentiles **foolishness**, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

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Some unnecessary stumbling stones.

- Response to circumstances -

- **Diversity** - Listening, forbearing, discerning
- **Authenticity** - Integrity, hypocrisy, consistency
- **Failure** - It's what we do next! Grace, Repentance
- **Confusing major & minor issues** - Dogmatic views on minor issues

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"My mind is closed."

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"I have some convictions."

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"I have opinions but am uncertain."

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"I only have questions."

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"⁹ But you are a **chosen race**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people for God's own possession**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were *not a people*, but now you are **the people of God**; you had not received mercy, but now you have **received mercy**."

Does this mean that we are:

- entitled to be served?
see 2:13-3:12
- exempt from suffering?
see 3:13-4:19

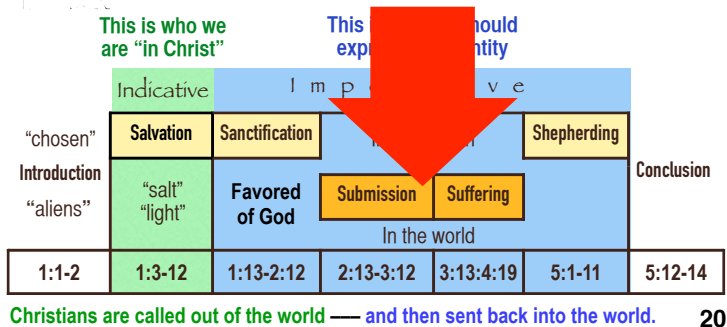


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2 Corinthians 6

"³ **giving no cause for offense in anything**, so that the ministry will not be discredited,...

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⁴ but **in everything** commending ourselves as servants of God,

in much endurance,
in afflictions,
in hardships,
in distresses,
⁵ in beatings,
in imprisonments,
in tumults,
in labors,
in sleeplessness,
in hunger,"

Romans 12:12

"rejoicing in hope,
patient in tribulation,"



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⁶ in purity,
in knowledge,
in patience,
in kindness,
in the Holy Spirit,
in genuine love,
⁷ in the word of truth,
in the power of God;
by the weapons of righteousness ...
⁸ by glory and dishonor,
by evil report and good report;



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regarded as deceivers and yet **true**;
9 as unknown yet **well-known**,
as dying yet behold, **we live**;
as punished yet **not put to death**,
10 as sorrowful yet **always rejoicing**,
as poor yet **making many rich**,
as having nothing
yet **possessing**
all things."

James 1:2

"Consider it all joy,
my brethren, when you
encounter various trials,"



24

"Get a man converted
who knows that if he
joins Jesus Christ
he's finished."

A.W. Tozer



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"We shine when the fire
inside us burns brighter

than
the fire
around
us."



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The Rock of Ages
is Jesus' story
bearing his cross
on his way to glory.

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