

**Seeking Your Input!**

Your questions are invited for a very special video Q&A. If we get enough questions, Heather will host a Q&A with Pastor Michael. Please send questions to Pastor Michael via email, phone, etc. Thank you in advance!

**“What Do I See?”**

1. The central term in today’s passage is “stone”/“rock.” Circle each appearance of the word along with its descriptor. (I gave you an example in v.4).

*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.” 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. (1 Peter 2:4–8)*

2. What does each appearance of stone/rock teach us? In other words, Peter is teaching us truths using the picture of a stone/rock. Let’s observe what they are.

Example: In v.4, we are to come to “Him” (Jesus) as a living stone.

3. Why do you believe Peter uses the imagery of a “stone”?

Peter loved to make things “come alive”! In 1:3 he wrote of a “living hope,” in 1:23 it was the “living Word,” and now in 2:4 it is the stone that comes alive!

v.6	“BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”	Isaiah 28:16
v.7	“THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,”	Psalms 118:22
v.8	“A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”	Isaiah 8:14

4. Who are the “living stones” in v.5? What are the characteristics of “the living stones”?
  
5. In vv.6-8, Peter goes back to the Old Testament. Look at each NT quote to answer the questions below.

<b>CONCERNING GOD</b>	
OT reference: Isaiah 28:16	NT quote: 1 Peter 2:6
What did God do?	

<b>CONCERNING BELIEVERS</b>	
OT reference: Psalm 118:22	NT quote: 1 Peter 2:7
What are our promises?	

<b>CONCERNING UNBELIEVERS</b>	
OT reference: Isaiah 8:14	NT quote: 1 Peter 2:8
What is their reaction to Jesus?	

What are some reasons why people stumble over Jesus?

**Application: “How will I apply the meaning to my life?”**

\*How will you apply this passage?

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## Digging Deeper: Spurgeon on Christ, the Cornerstone

“The Christian life is begun, continued, and perfected altogether in connection with the Lord Jesus Christ....He is the author and He is the finisher of our faith. We have not to seek a fresh physician, to find a new friend or to discover a novel hope, but we are to look for everything to Jesus Christ, *"the same yesterday, and today, and forever."* *"Ye are complete in Him."* Here is a complete description of the Christian life. It is a continuous "coming" to Jesus. We should be always coming to Christ; we have come to Him, and we are coming to Him, and we will keep on coming to Him. Sinking down, settling, resting on that stone, always pressing closely upon Christ: *"To Whom coming, as unto a living Stone."* Christ always was disallowed of men, and He always will be, until the great consummation of all things. Some disown Him in one way, some in another. Some boldly blaspheme Him with something like honesty; others pretend to be His ministers, yet all the while are undermining the Gospel which He lived and died to preach. It matters little that Christ is *"disallowed indeed of men,"* for He is *"chosen of God, and precious."* – C.H. Spurgeon