

THE LIVING STONE

1 Peter 2:4-8

Big Idea: *Jesus Christ is the spiritual stone that will either save you or crush you.*

1. Through _____ Jesus becomes one's _____ stone.

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.”

Psalm 62:2 “He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.”

A. Jesus is our _____ stone.

Philippians 2:9-10 “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”

B. Jesus is our _____ stone.

Matthew 21:42a “Jesus said to them, ‘Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner *stone*.’”

C. Jesus is our _____ stone.

John 11:25-26 “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

D. Jesus is our _____ .

⁶ “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner *stone*, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

2. Through _____ Jesus becomes one's _____ 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.”

Matthew 21:43-44 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. ⁴⁴ And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

Romans 2:5-8 “But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who will render to each person according to his deeds: ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.”

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