

Jesus BUILDS His CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-18

13. Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
14. And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."
15. He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
16. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
17. And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
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.

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.

1 Corinthians 3:9-16

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9. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
10. According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.
11. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
13. each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.
14. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.
15. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
16. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Ephesians 2:19-22

19. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
20. having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,
21. in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
22. in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Acts 4:10-12

10. let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.
11. "He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*.
12. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

1 Peter 2:1-9

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1. Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,
2. like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
3. if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.
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.
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;

Psalm 118:21-24

21. I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation.
22. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.
23. This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.
24. This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Romans 12:1-2

1. Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which* is your spiritual service of worship.
2. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 5:1-2

1. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
2. and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

6 Hebrews 13:15-16

15. Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.
16. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Philippians 4:18-19

18. But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.
19. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.