

***RELATIONSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST  
&  
ALL OF HIS DISCIPLES***

***2:3***

***THE ENTRANCE TO CAPERNAUM  
PETER'S HOME TOWN***



# LAST WEEK, WE LEARNED ABOUT THINGS THAT WE ARE TO **PUT AWAY**

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**Putting away**

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and all evil speakings,

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**EVIL SPEAKING**

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**as newborn babes,**  
**long for**  
**the spiritual milk**  
**which is without guile,**  
**that ye may grow thereby unto salvation**

# TODAY WE LEARN OUR UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST BY USING THE FIGURE OF A STONE

## 1 Peter 2:3-8

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### The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

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**IS A LITTLE WORD THAT CAN MEAN  
TWO OPPOSITE THINGS.  
THIS IS TRUE IN ALL LANGUAGES**

1 Peter 2:3-4 **if** ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious:



**If can express either doubt or no doubt in English.**

In Greek there are two ways of expressing it. The word  
The word used here means no doubt. **It means "since."**

**now that** you have tasted that the Lord is good. (NIV)

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**GRACIOUS** = Fit for use, useful; virtuous, good, manageable, mild, pleasant. Opposite to harsh, hard, sharp, bitter.

**Ps 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;**

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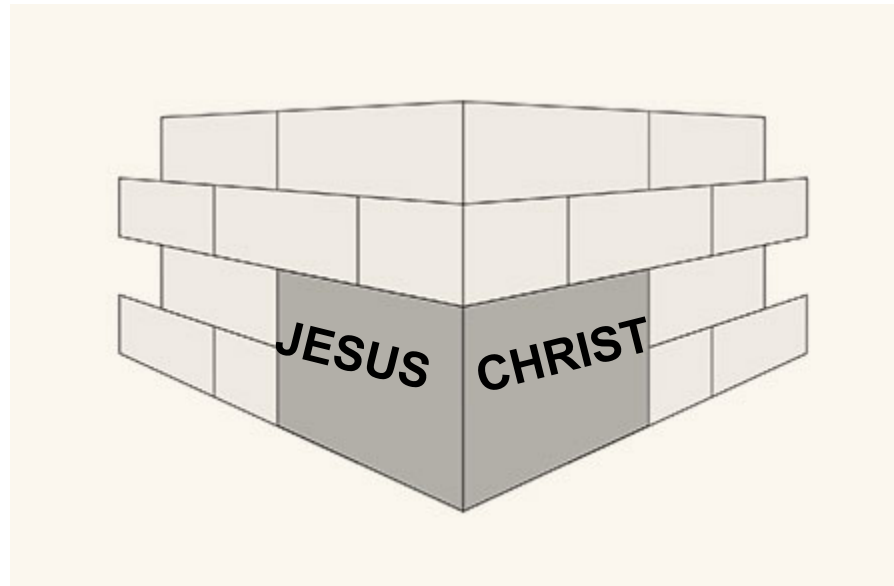
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**AS A LIVING STONE** – Not a dead stone but a live stone.  
Not a detached stone (**petros**).  
Not a cliff or mother rock (**petra**).  
But as a cut and designed stone (**lithos**).



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**YOU ALSO, AS A LIVING STONE** – In this figure, each Christian is considered a living stone sitting on the great living stone which is our foundation.

**A SPIRITUAL HOUSE  
NOT PHYSICAL, AS IN  
THE OLD LAW**

Matt. 16:18; 1 Tim. 3:14-15; 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16; Eph. 2:20-22

**HOLY PRIESTHOOD** – A priest is a person who may offer sacrifices that are acceptable to God. See. Heb. 13:15-16

**SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES** – See Heb. 13:15-18

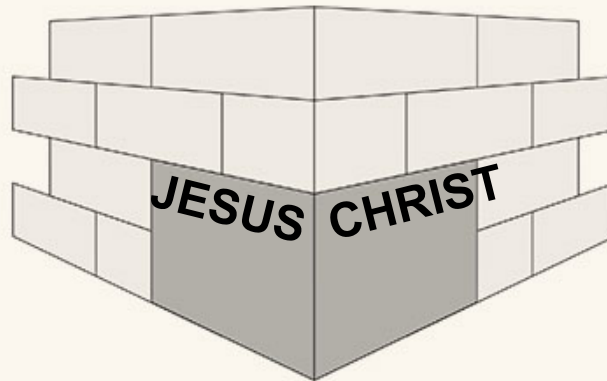
**ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST** – John 14:6

**"Behold, I lay in Zion  
A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,  
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**Eph 2:20-21 Jesus Christ Himself  
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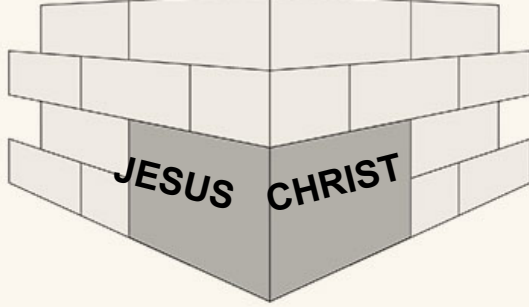
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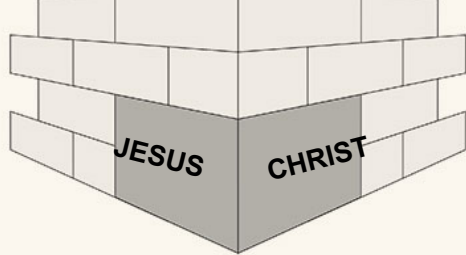
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PETER WILL NOW CONTRAST THE BELIEVERS WITH THOSE  
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1 Peter 2:9-10

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Ex 19:5

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then **ye shall be mine own possession** from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine:

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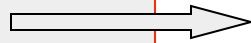
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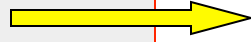
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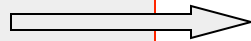
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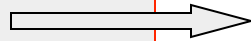
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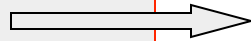
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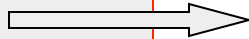
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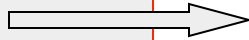
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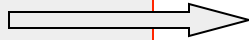
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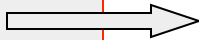
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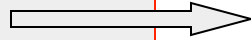
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**PRAISES** means Any excellence of a person.  
A virtuous course of thought, feeling and action;  
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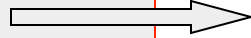
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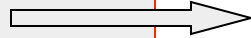
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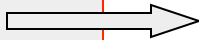
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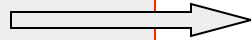
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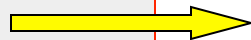
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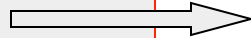
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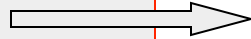
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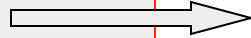
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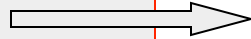
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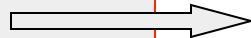
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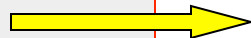
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