

**THE CORNERSTONE AND HIS STONES IN THE BUILDING
OR
THE CHURCH AS HIS TEMPLE**

I. A THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP RELATIONSHIP (John 10:1-21)

II. THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES (John 15)

III. THE CORNERSTONE AND HIS STONES IN THE BUILDING (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-8)

1. In contrast to the OT, in which Israel had a _____ (Exodus 25:8) to worship in, the Church of Jesus Christ, is the _____! (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Mt. 16:18

Acts 20: 28

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

2. Not only is Jesus Christ the _____ of the church, but he is also the _____ to that foundation!

- What is a “corner or foundation stone” anyway?

Ephesians 2:19-20

3. This is consistent with what Christ told Peter, that “*On this _____, I will _____ My Church*”! (Mt 16:18)

- Who is the “Rock of scripture”?

4. The symbolization of Christ as the _____ or _____ of scripture can be seen in various aspects:

a. in relation to the Gentiles... He is seen as the _____ that will _____
Gentile world powers in _____ when He returns at His 2nd Advent (Daniel 2:34-35)

b. in relation to Israel... He was the _____ & rock of _____
(Isa. 8:14-15, 1 Corinthians 1:23; 1 Peter 2:8)

c. in relation to the Church... He is the _____ stone (1 Corinthians 3:11) and the
_____ (Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-7)

5. Christ is the Chief Corner stone & believers are _____ in this building project!

1 Peter 2:1-5

- Why are we “living stones”?

6. The church today, is growing into a _____ as “the _____ of
God in the _____” (Ephesians 2:21-22)

- This is concerning who?
- So what is the contribution of this metaphor-- the Chief Cornerstone & His stones in the building which is the temple of God in this present dispensation?

- Is the Spirit of God important in the Church today?