

BLESSED HOPE



BIBLE CHURCH

**Learning of Christ, Loving in Christ, Leaning on Christ, Living for Christ, Leading to Christ
Based on the Word of God**

1 PETER

LIVING FOR THE
LORD IN BAD TIMES



PRECIOUS LORD

1 PETER 2:4-8



PRECIOUS LORD

Words by Thomas Dorsey (1932)

1)

Precious Lord, take my hand.
Lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, and worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

2)

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, lead me near,
When my life is almost gone.
Hear my cry, hear my call.
Hold my hand, lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

3)

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand.
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

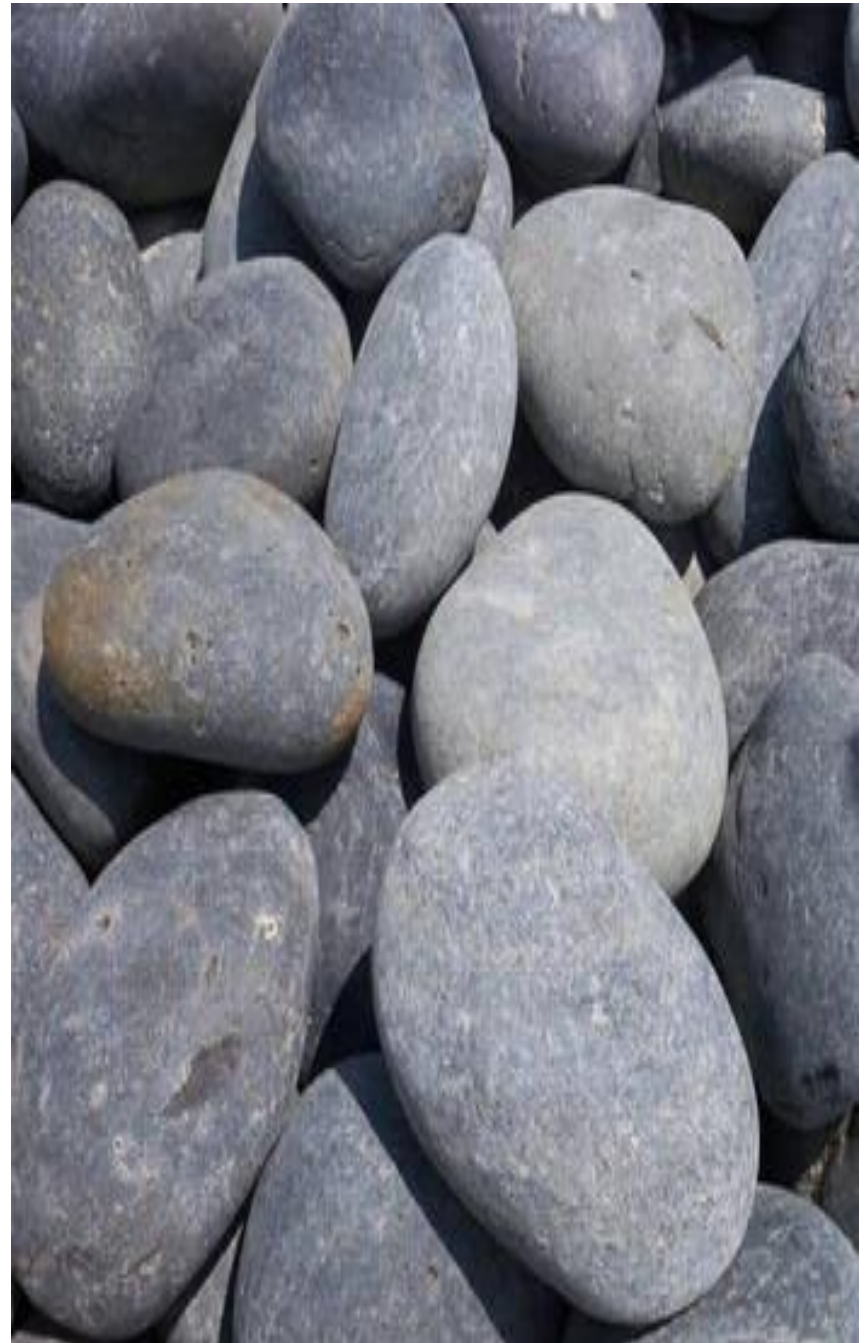
- **THE CONTEXT:** The basic theme of 1 Peter is the proper response of a believer in Christ in times of suffering and difficulties.
- **THE PARADOX:** All of us will face various kinds of difficulties and problems in life, however, the problem is NOT the difficulties we face BUT how we respond to difficult situations.
- **THE PRINCIPLE:** The believer in Christ has the anticipation of a eternal inheritance that gives strength, encourage- ment and hope even in the most difficult times. In light of this, God wants the believer to be holy in all his conduct.

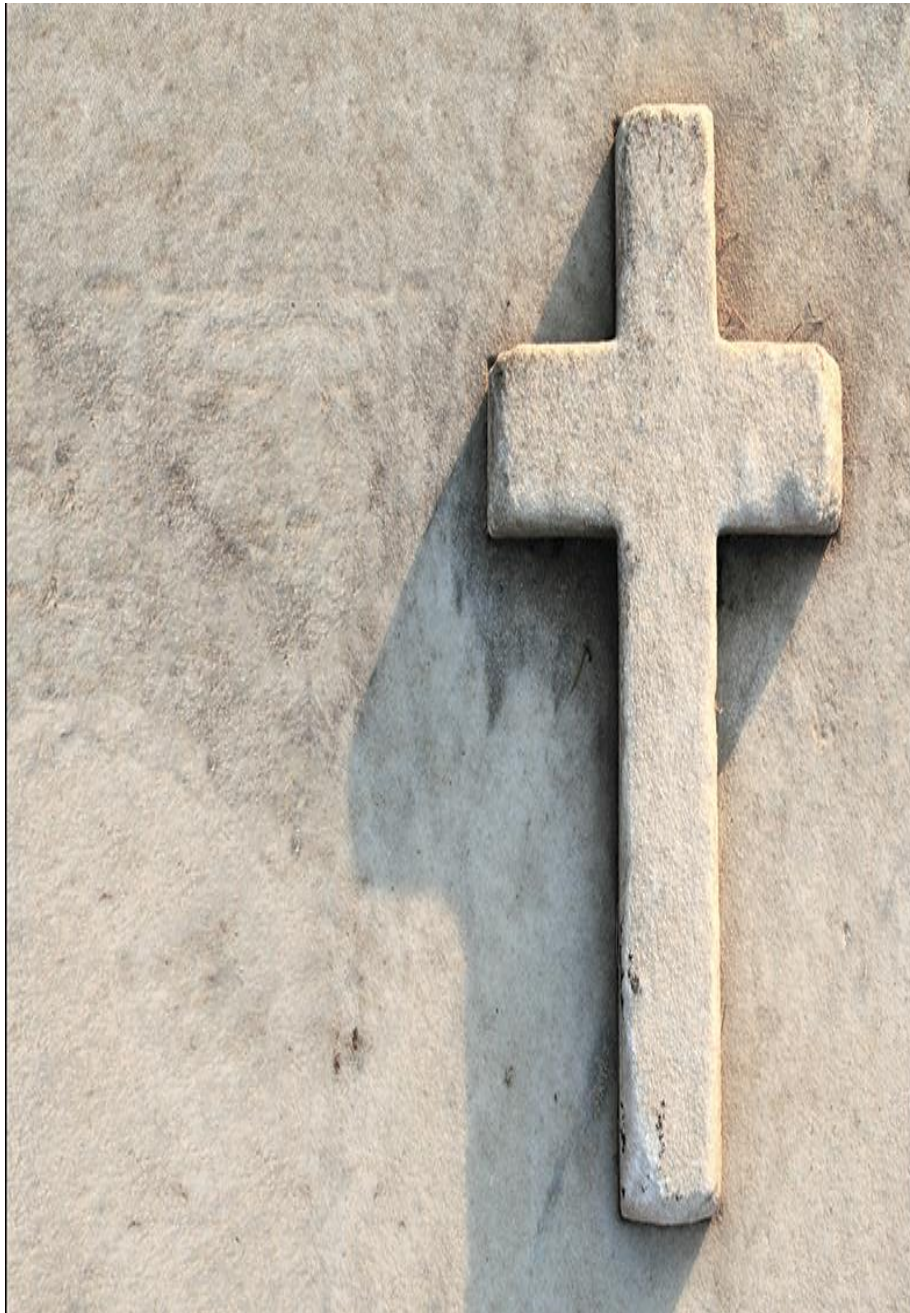
- **THE PRACTICALITY:** To be holy in all conduct includes:
 - Conducting yourself throughout the time of your stay here in fear (i.e., the fear of the Lord)
 - Loving one another fervently with a pure heart
 - Desiring the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.
 - As living stones, being built up by the Living Stone as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- **Lesson:** The Lord Jesus Christ is our precious Lord whether men believe in Him or not.
- From 1Peter 2:4-8 we will look at three characteristics that make the Lord Jesus Christ our precious Lord.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS A PRECIOUS LORD BECAUSE OF WHAT HE IS: A LIVING STONE



- **Question: What Can You Do With Stones?**
 - You can use them to **build things** with: a house, a castle, a road, a temple ect.,
 - You can use them as **protection**: for a camp fire, for a wall, for a fortification.
 - You can use them as a **weapon**: for a sling shot, for a catapult





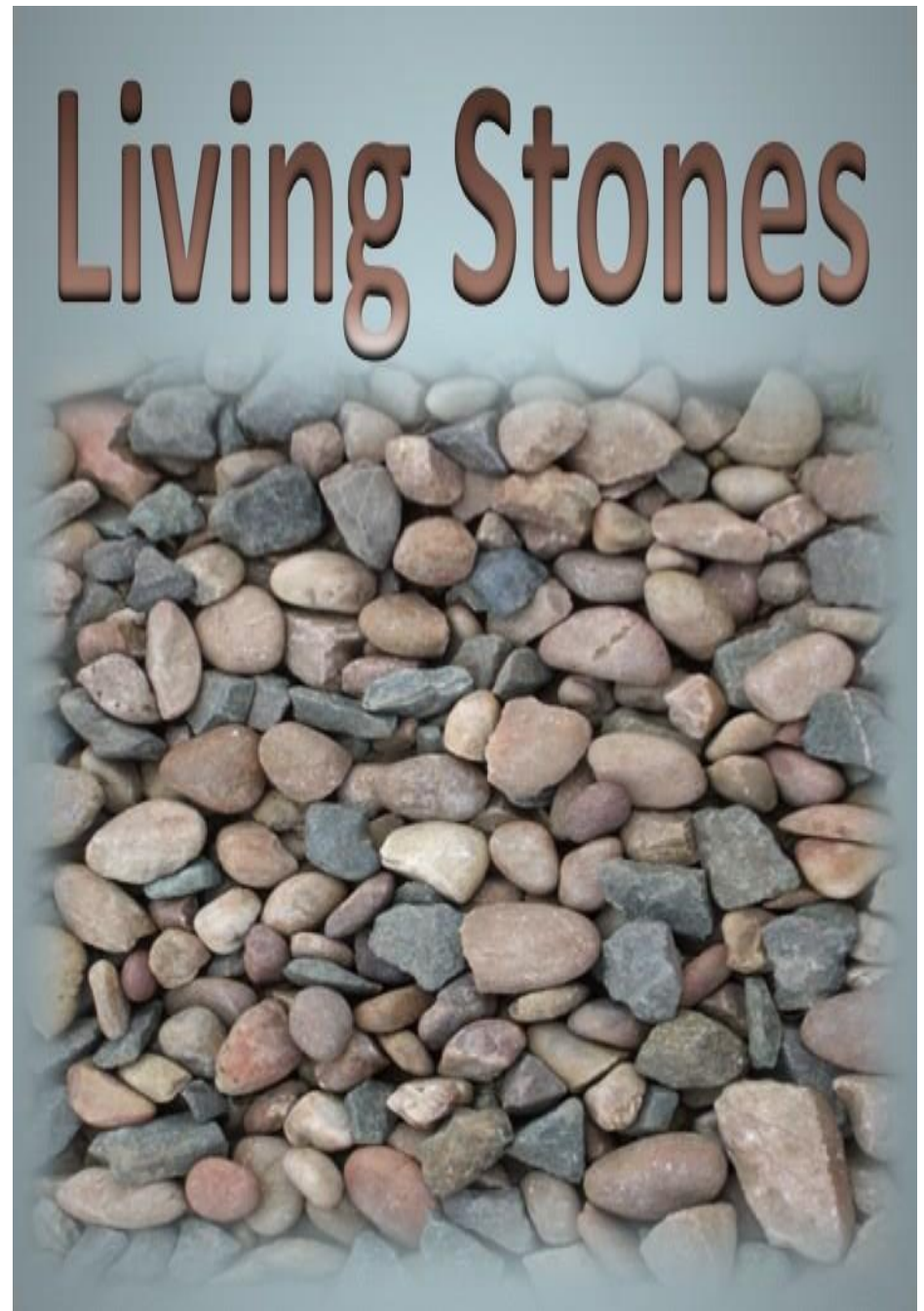
- **Fact: The Lord Jesus Christ Is A Living Stone!**
 - He is **alive**--NOT dead, thus He can give life.
 - He is **chosen** by God, thus He fulfills God's plans NOT man's expectations.
 - He is **Precious**, thus He has value in Himself and gives value to those who trust in Him.

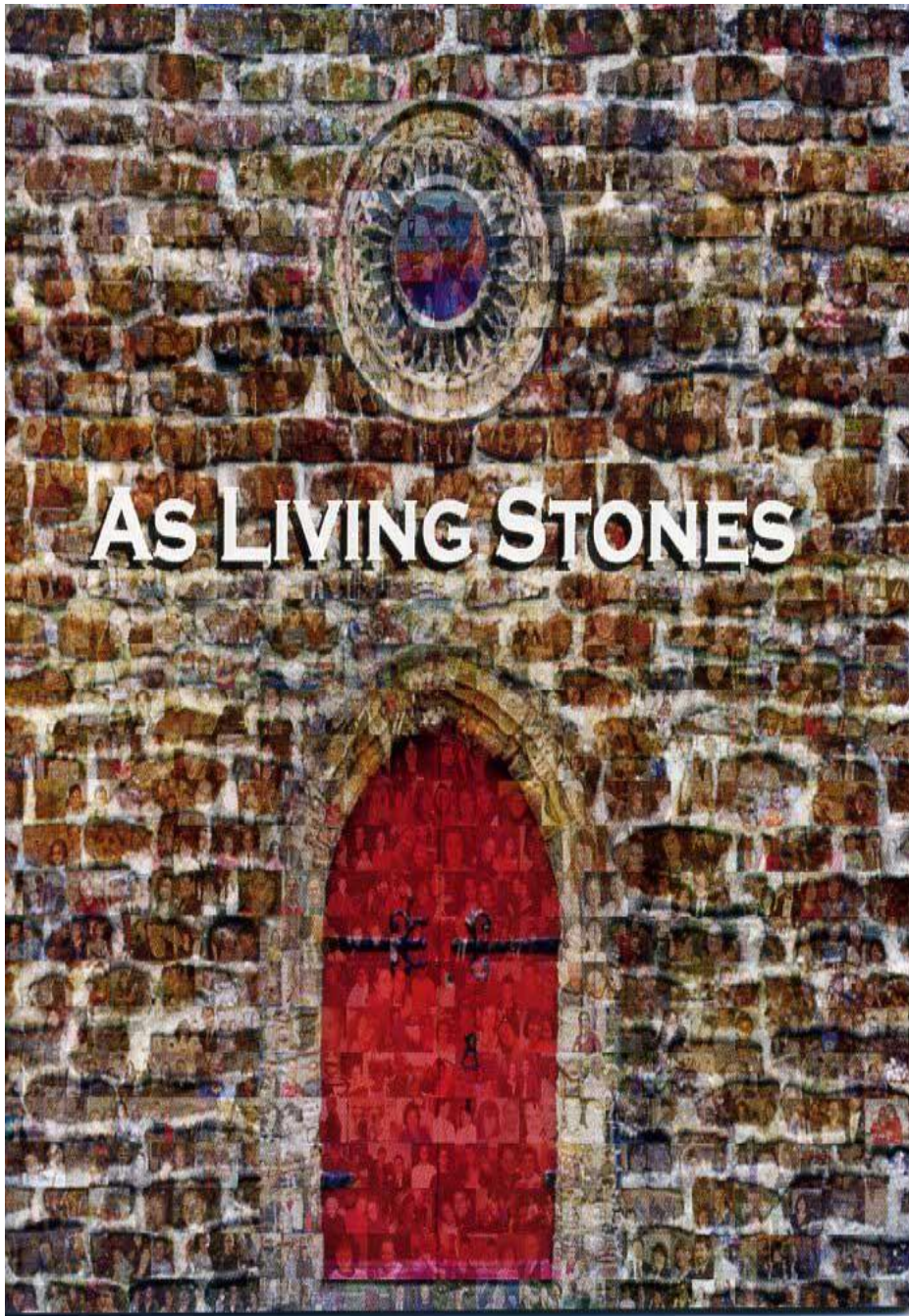
**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS A PRECIOUS LORD
BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DOES: THE BUILDER OF
A SPIRITUAL HOUSE**



- **Fact #1: Believers are living stones.**

- Because Christ the "Living Stone" gave them life!!
- Because all believers are identified with Christ, the Living Stone.
 - With His death
 - With His burial
 - With His resurrection
 - With His ascension
 - With His glorification

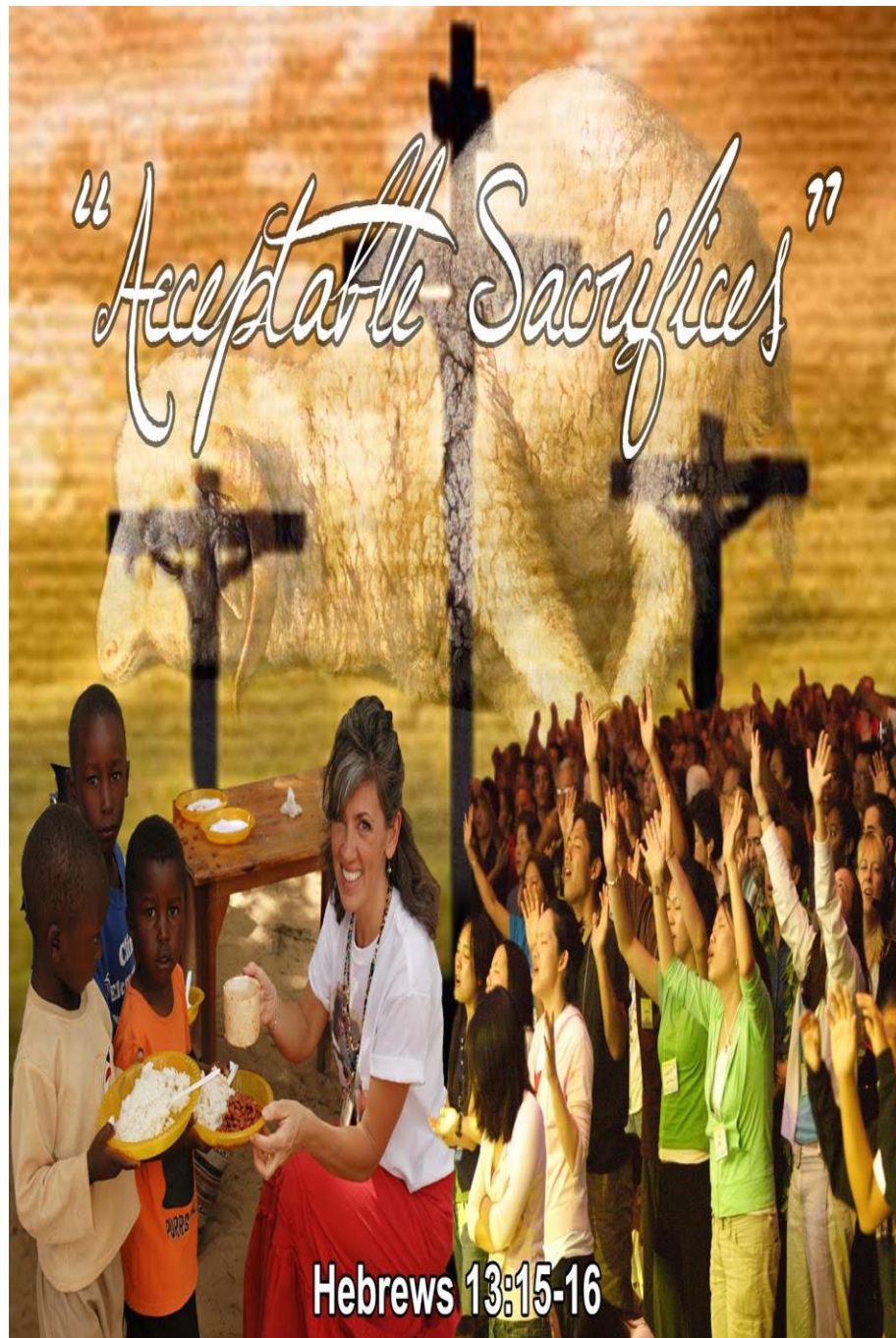




- **Fact #2: As living stones, believers are being built into one spiritual house.**
 - Christ, NOT man nor an institution is the builder.
 - This spiritual house is the church build upon the rock: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matt.16:18
 - The “stones” of this building are not:
 - Isolated
 - Independent
 - Self-sufficient
 - superior

- **Fact #3: As the one spiritual house, believers are one united holy priesthood**
 - In the O.T. period God's people had a priesthood which represented them before God.
 - In Christ, each individual believer is a priest with the privilege of coming into the presence of God.
 - In Christ, believers do not come to God through any person on earth, or based on a ritual performed by any person on earth, but only through the One Mediator, Jesus Christ.
 - the believer's life should be lived as though he/she were a priest in a temple.



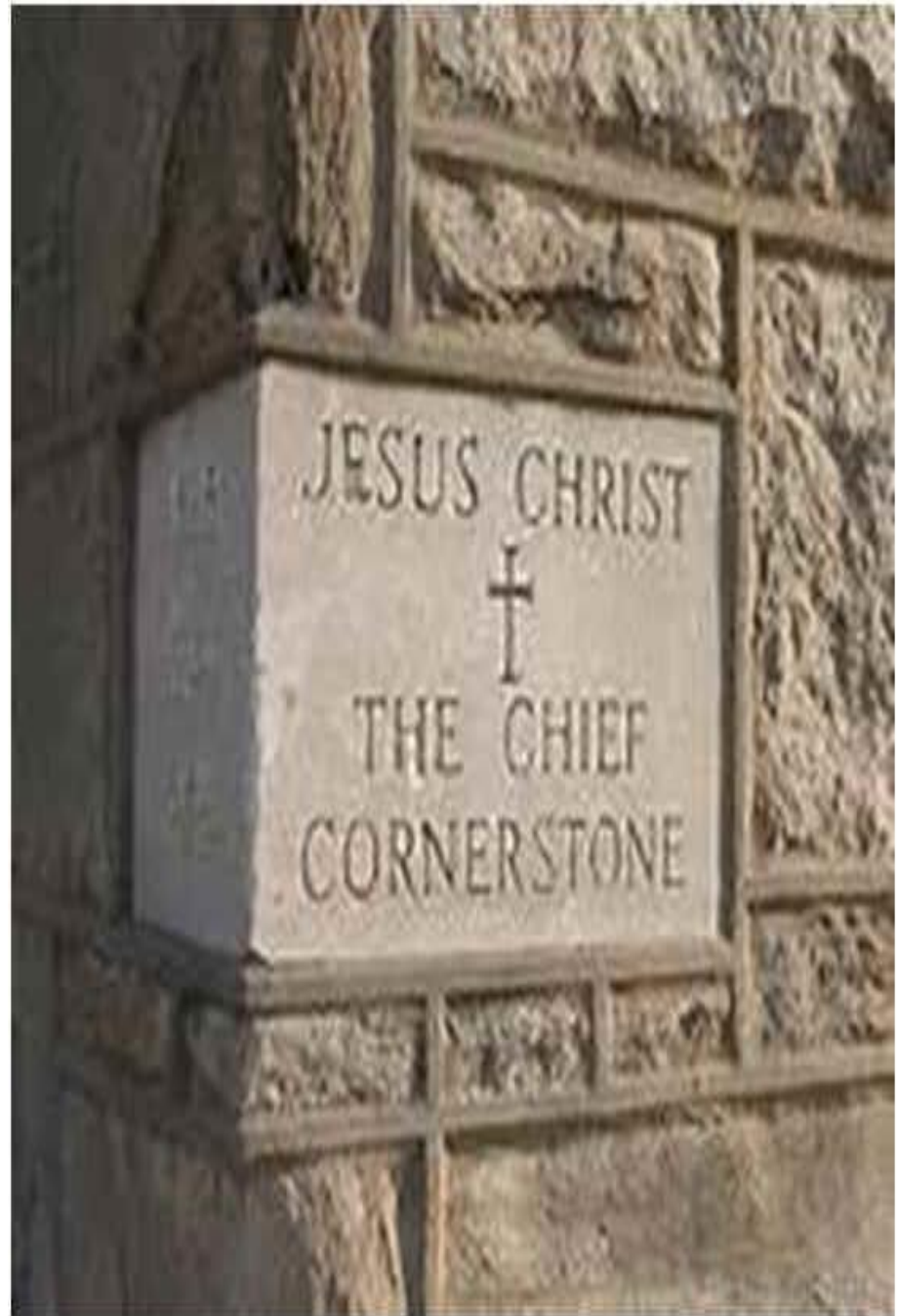


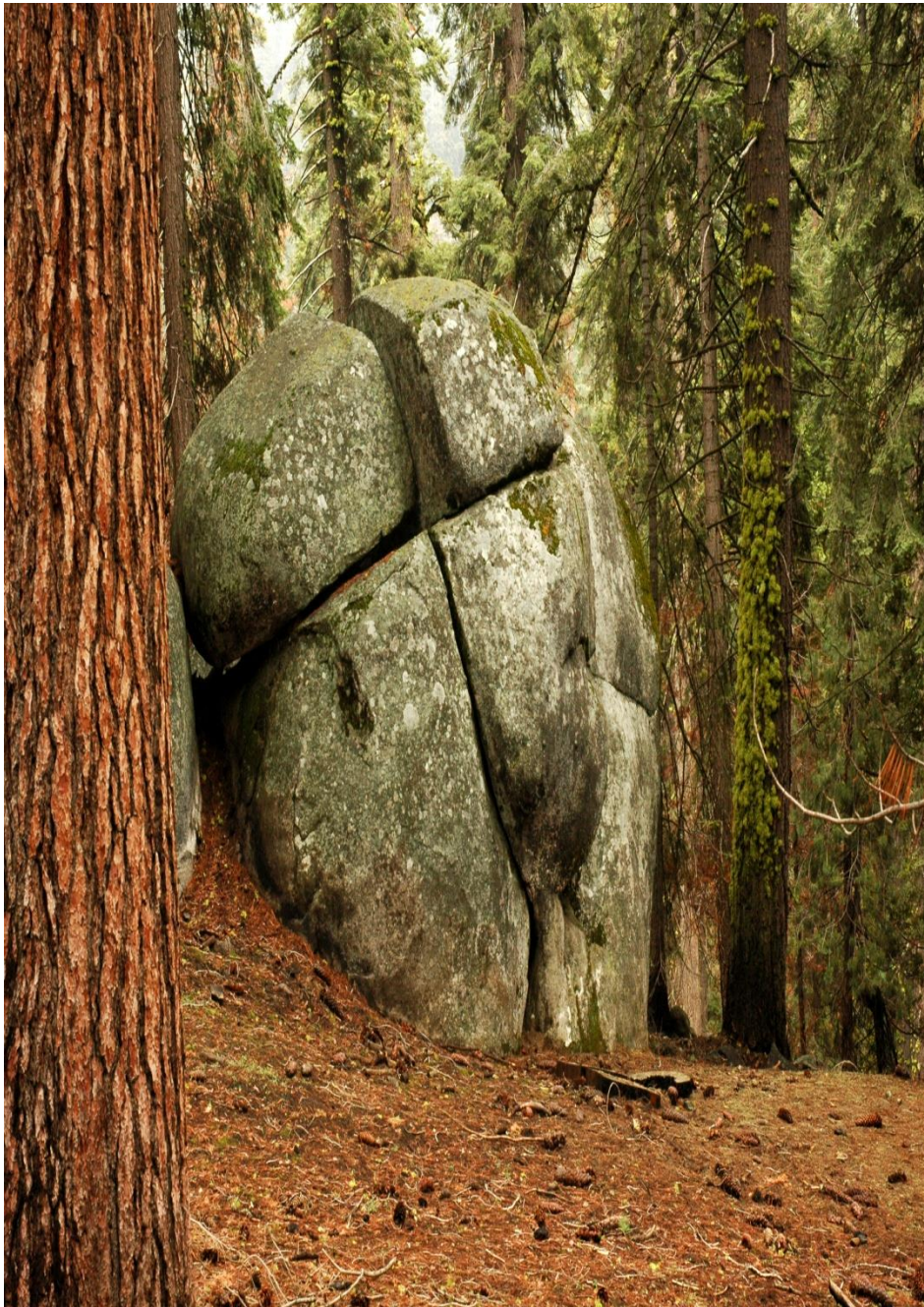
- **Fact #4: As one united holy priesthood, believers offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**
 - This includes our own physical bodies as a living sacrifice whereby we lay aside our own desires and do His will as seen in His word (Rom.12:1-2).
 - This includes the sacrifice of praise to God which includes the fruit of our lips and giving thanks to God (Heb.13:15)
 - This includes the sacrifice of doing good and sharing (Heb.13:16).
 - This includes the sacrifice of money to a brother in need (Phil.4:18)
 - This includes winning people to Christ which are sacrifices for His glory (Rom.15:16)

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS A PRECIOUS LORD
BECAUSE OF WHAT HE GIVES: EXALTATION TO
THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM.**



- **Fact #1: He that believes in Jesus will not be put to shame.**
 - Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, elect, precious—the design, arrangement, and alignment of the whole building is based on who He is and what He has done.
 - The believer will not regret believing on Christ.
 - The believer is guaranteed ultimate victory and glorification in Christ





- **Fact #2: He that rejects Jesus shall stumble and fall**
 - This is because their design, arrangement, and alignment is not patterned after the Chief Cornerstone.
 - As a result, they are not only out of sequence with other believers, but with Christ.
 - As a result, they will face the Chief Cornerstone as their righteous Judge.
 - As a result, that Chief Cornerstone will prevent the unbeliever from enjoying the joys of life eternal in heaven.

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

- IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST YOUR PRECIOUS LORD?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.