

THE PRECIOUS FOUNDATION

I Peter 2: 4 - 8

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INTRODUCTION

1. This subject is very important because it is a recognized fact that no building or institution can be stronger than the foundation on which it rests.
2. No house built out of proportion with the foundation can stand long.
3. Peter states that the foundation on which Christians have built is PRECIOUS. Let's study some reasons why.

I. PRECIOUS BECAUSE IT WAS PROPHECIED OF GOD.

1. Isaiah 28:16; Psa. 118:22
 - (1) Would be laid "in Zion".
 - (2) Would be "a stone".
 - (3) Would be "a tried stone".
 - (4) "a precious corner stone".
 - (5) "A sure foundation".
 - (6) The believer "shall not make haste" or "be ashamed"; "not given to sudden panic".
 - (7) "The stone which the builders refused".
 - (8) This stone would become head of the corner.

II. PRECIOUS BECAUSE THESE PROPHECIES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED -- Acts 4: 10 -12

1. The Foundation was first laid in Zion or Jerusalem.
 - (1) Peter on Pentecost -- Acts 2: 22 - 36.
 - (2) Isa. 2:2 -4 (The Lord's house in Zion.)
2. Christ is "a stone".
 - (1) "A living stone" -- I Pet. 2:4
 - (2) He is life-giving -- John 1:4; 14:6; 5:40
3. Christ is "a tried stone" -- I Pet. 2: 4 - 8
 - (1) Heb. 5: 7 - 9
4. Christ is the precious corner stone -- I Pet. 2:6
 - (1) It is the function of a corner stone to unite and securely fasten the two walls of a building.
 - (2) Jesus Christ , the chief corner stone, united both Jew and Gentile in one body -- Eph. 2: 18 - 22; 2: 11- 16
5. "A sure foundation"
 - (1) Matt. 16:18 "upon this rock".
 - (2) This rock is Christ -- Matt. 16:16; I Cor. 10:4
 - (3) I Cor. 3:11
6. Those who build upon this precious foundation "shall not make haste" (in sudden panic) The Amplified Bible.
 - (1) The Christian has "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" --Phil. 4:7
 - (2) Whatever come he can endure it because he trusts in Christ and God -- Matt. 6: 24 - 34
7. Christ is a precious foundation because He was rejected of men, but "chosen of God" -- I Pet. 2:4

- (1) His Own, the Jews rejected Him because when they looked upon Him they could find no place for Him in the structure of their religious system -- John 1:11
 - (2) The Jews thought Christ would come as a conquering MONARCH, causing nations to bow beneath His Power.
 - (3) He was clothed in humility, garbed as a prophet, calling the unrighteous to repent and to return to God. He struck a blow at their national pride, announcing the coming of a spiritual kingdom to embrace all men of every nation.
 - (4) Because of this, Jesus Christ was rejected and nailed to the cross.
 - (5) The fact that the builders blundered did not hinder the plan of God.
 - (6) God used the rebellion of the wicked Jews to fulfill His plan of saving the world -- Acts 2: 22 - 24
8. He is precious because he is the head of the Corner -- Acts 4: 11 -12
- (1) No salvation apart from Him -- Eph. 1:3

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