

Jesus: The Chief Cornerstone

2 Peter 2:4-10 (NKJV)

⁴Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Introduction

What is a cornerstone?

- A cornerstone is the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation. All other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure.

- A chief cornerstone is placed above two walls to keep them together and to prevent the building from falling apart.

In the Scripture, Jesus is the chief cornerstone while the apostles and the prophets are the foundation.

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Believers as Spiritual House

Just like Jesus, "the living stone," we who put our faith and trust in Him are living stones being built up as spiritual house, dwelling place of our almighty and loving God.

In the Old Testament, the chosen people of God (Israel) built the tabernacle and the temple to be the dwelling place for God and to serve also as meeting place for His chosen priest/servant to receive messages and blessings for the people.

But when Jesus came and sacrificed Himself on the cross, God made a new dwelling for Him with Christ as the chief cornerstone.

Jesus as our Chief Cornerstone

As spiritual houses of God, Jesus is our chief cornerstone.

Jesus is our chief cornerstone (reference) for obedience to God.

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Philippians 2:8

And being found

in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- It was already remarkable that God the Son would take human form, leaving His deity, and enter into our broken world.

- But Jesus went farther, much farther, becoming obedient to the will of the Father even to the point of death, even death on the cross.

- At that time, crucifixion is a death sentence; not only that, it is the ultimate undignified way to die, not to mention the excruciating physical pain that Jesus endured.

- But because of this, God highly exalted Jesus and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that by His name salvation might come to us and at His name every knee shall bow (Philippians 2:9-10).

Jesus is our chief cornerstone (reference) for love and compassion.

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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Pasasalamat sa BUHAY NG MGA INA



Sama-samang ipinagdiwang ng buong panambahan ang espesyal na araw kung saan binigyang parangal ang ating mga mapagmahal at maarugang ina sa UCF.

Ang buhay ng ating mga ina ay isang pagpapala sa Diyos kaya naman noong Mayo 11, Linggo, ay ipinadama ng bawat isa ang kanilang pagmamahal sa kanila sa pamamagitan ng

mga munting regalo, presentasyon at pagsasalo-salo na siyang ikinataba ng kanilang mga puso. Naging oportunidad din ito upang ang naimbitahang mga pamilya ay makarinig ng katotohanan ng Salita ng Diyos.

Tunay na sa Diyos ang papuri at pasasalamat para sa mga inang nagluwal at nag-alaga sa bawat isa. Purihin ang Panginoon!

Panalangin

Bago matapos ang programa ay ipinanalangin ang bawat ina na pinangunahan nina Rev. Dr. James Sy at Rev. Ricardo Jacob. Panalangin ng lahat na sila ay higit pang pagpalain at palakas ng Panginoon, at makapaglingkod nang may katapatan sa Diyos.



Nakiisa ang bawat miyembro at manggagawa sa panalangin ng pagpapala at kalakasan para sa mga nanay. Ipinanalangin din nila ang kanilang patuloy na pagsunod sa kalooban ng Panginoon.

Bilang paggunita sa araw ng mga ina ay naghandog ang *children, youth, young professionals, singles, at men's fellowship* ng isang espesyal na presentasyon—isang paraan upang ipadama sa kanila ang pagmamahal ng kanilang mga asawa't anak at higit lalo ng Diyos.

Presentasyon



Sa simpleng awitin ay alay ng bawat isa ang pasasalamat at pagpupugay sa mga inang patuloy na nagmamahal at nag-aaruga sa kanilang mga pamilya.

1 John 1:5
(NKJV)

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.



Naging magiliw ang mga presentasyon at nagbigay kagalakan sa puso ng mga ina.

Salu-salo

Naghandang rin ng masasarap na pagkain para sa mga dumalong ina kasama ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay. Sa pagdiriwang sa buhay ng mga ilaw ng tahanan, napuno ng kagalakan ang pamilya ng UCF.



Tunay nga na ang pag-ibig ng isang ina para sa kaniyang pamilya ay hindi masusukat kaya lubos ang pasasalamat ng bawat isa sa kanilang buhay.



But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18
(NKJV)

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Nagniningning sa mukha ng mga ina ang kanilang kasiyahan sa pagdiriwang ng kanilang espesyal na araw kasama ang pamilya ng UCF. Kaya naman sila rin ay nagpakuha ng litrato kasama ang kanilang mga kapamilya.

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Dama ng bawat isa ang umaapaw na pagmamahal ng Diyos sa mga inang nagsisilbing ilaw ng ating mga tahanan.



Matthew 5:14-15
(NKJV)

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN YOUR REACH



With expectation and gladness in their hearts, the workers explain the services of UCA.

As said in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

With the expansion of the Lord's ministry in United Christian Academy (UCA), more souls will be reached out not only to provide basic educational needs, but most especially to contribute to their holistic growth. This coming school year, UCA will be opening its doors at Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center to offer pre-nursery and nursery education.

Spearheaded by Rev. Dr. William Sy, UCA faculty members, with the aid of church workers and members, went house to house in Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao, Laguna, and Brgy. Cabangaan, Silang, Cavite on May 12 and 13, giving out flyers and promoting the complete quality education that UCA has to offer.

Praise the Lord for the expansion of His ministry to bring more souls at His feet!



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16
(NKJV)

Jesus: The Chief...

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John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Jesus is our chief cornerstone (reference) for forgiveness.

Luke 23:34a

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Jesus is our chief cornerstone (reference) for humility.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, "who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

We are the holy temple of God.

Because Jesus is our chief cornerstone, we are also sanctified and we become righteous and holy because of Him.

Jesus is both the Holy One and "the one" who makes people holy.

Jesus is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus,

who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Jesus' perfect life and sacrificial death satisfied God's holy wrath against sinners. We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:10

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

In the Old Testament, when priests entered the temple, specifically the Most Holy Place, they were made holy by consecration rituals involving atonement, purification, and eating special meal.

These same elements also underlie the Passover rituals, by which God consecrated Israel as a holy nation.

Same thing today, because of Jesus, we believers, who are chosen by God and who have put our faith and trust in Him, become a holy priesthood, a holy nation, and God's special possession (1 Peter 2:5-9).

Apart from Jesus, holiness, sanctification, and righteousness are impossible for us.

Command to be Holy

As His temple, God commands us to be holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16

¹⁵but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

As His holy temple, we must

worship God by offering our bodies as "living sacrifice."

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Since we are God's holy (exclusive) possession, we must reflect God's moral character with holy and godly lives.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

Jesus as a Stumbling Block and Rock of Offense

While Jesus is the chief cornerstone of those chosen by God, He is also a stumbling block and rock of offense to those who are disobedient to His word and those who rejected Him.

Isaiah 8:14-15

¹⁴He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be

snared and taken."

Matthew 21:44

And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

Why is Jesus a stumbling block and stone of offense?

- They stumble because they are disobedient of His Word.
- Christ's claim (His resurrection and exclusive role as Savior) is offensive to those who are invested in religious system or political powers of the day (both in Jesus' time and the present day).
- They reject His teachings about salvation by grace through faith, rather by works or traditions and rituals.

Conclusion

- To God the Father, Jesus Christ is the living stone, chosen and precious.
- To the believers, Jesus is the dependable rock of salvation.
- To the unbelievers, Jesus is the rejected rock of offense that cause them to stumble.

The fact that many stumble over Christ affirms that God's truth is not based on popular acceptance. It shows that God is sovereign and unchanging.

Romans 9:33

As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

The question is, who is Jesus to you?

- Your chief cornerstone? Or
- A rock of offense?

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