

Christ the Living Stone

1 Peter 2:4-8





Introduction

- **When we use the expression today, “Precious stone”**
- **Paradoxical image: a living stone**
- **Illustration of pet rock**
- **As you come to him...amazing admission of Jesus’ drawing power!!!**
- **We are encouraged by this “living Stone!”**



The Living Stone in Relationship to God

- **Chosen By God**
- **Precious to God**
- **God intentionally lays the stone in Zion**
- **Cornerstone**



The Living Stone in Relationship to Us

- Living stones
- Spiritual house
- Holy priesthood—biblical foundation for priesthood of all believers
- Note: Halloween was 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses



The Living Stone in relationship to many Human beings

- **Do not believe**
- **Rejected**
**(mentioned twice
in this paragraph!)**



The Living Stone as a Place of Stumbling

- **Causes people to stumble**
- **Causes people to fall**
- **Because they disobey the message, opposite of trust**
- **They were destined for**



The Living Stone as our Place of Trust

- **Trust is foundational to our relationship to Jesus**
- **Element of faith that is vital**
- **Never be ashamed**



Conclusion

Jesus as the “Living Stone”

- Chosen by God
- Cornerstone—we are spiritual house
- Many do not believe
- A place of stumbling
- A place of trust!