

# **Life Built on the Rock**

## **1 Peter 2.4-8**

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*‘See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.’* Isaiah 28.16

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

*‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone,’* Psalm 118.22

<sup>8</sup> and,

*‘A stone that causes men to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.’* Isaiah 8.14

*They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for.*

Long before he was Peter, the Galilean fisherman was called Simeon. The Greek equivalent by which he was also known was Simon and, in addition, his Aramaic name was Cephas. The Lord Jesus decided he didn't have enough names so he called him Petros or "Peter" (Matthew 16.13-18).

Peter uses the metaphor of Christ being THE Living Stone and we as believers being Living Stones to drive us to consider how we're building, what we're building and where we're building our lives. Peter tells us that we need to build on THE Rock, and that Rock is Christ.

### **Christ: The Living Stone**

***First, in the Old Testament there is a prophetic pronouncement concerning the Living Stone.***

Isaiah 8.13-14; Isaiah 28.16; Psalm 118.22-25

***Second, on turning to the New Testament we find in Mark 12 a messianic parable.***

Mark 12.1-11

***Then, third, we need to look for the apostolic teaching.***

Acts 4.8-12; 1 Corinthians 10.1-4; John 7.37-38

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*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’* John 8.12

*While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.* John 9.5

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5.14-16

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