## Come to Christ, the Living Stone 1 Peter 02:04–08

- 1 Picture 1: Christ is the Living Stone: He was rejected by men, but chosen by God
- 2 Picture 2: Believers are living stones
  - a. Believers are being built into a spiritual house
  - b. Believers are a holy priesthood
  - c. Believers are a fulfilment of prophecy

## 3 Picture 3: Unbelievers are disobedient builders

- a. They disqualify the stone
- b. Christ is made the Head of the corner anyway
- c. They stumble and fall over the stone
- d. The reason: They disobey the message, the Word

- 4 As you come to him, the living Stone

  rejected by men
  but chosen by God
  and precious to him –
- 5 You also,
  like living stones,
  are being built into a spiritual house
  to be a holy priesthood,
  offering spiritual sacrifices
  acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 6 For in Scripture it says:"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."
- 7 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,"

## 8 And,

"A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message — which is also what they were destined for.

Know Who You Are: The People of God 1 Peter 02:09–10		
	Know what kind of people you area. A chosen peopleb. A royal priesthoodc. A holy nationd. A people who belong to GodKnow what your purpose is: To declare His praises	<ul> <li>9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.</li> </ul>
3	<i>Know what has happened to you</i> a. Have become the people of God b. Have now received mercy	10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.