

JESUS, THE CHIEF CORNER STONE

I PETER 2:6-10

Introduction;

A. The Bible tells us of God's will and of man's reaction to that will.

1. We either obey or disobey.
2. Men either accept or reject.

B. The promised one was God's way.

1. Some recognized and accepted Him.
2. Some stumbled and rejected Him.

I. JESUS, THE CHIEF CORNER STONE. V6

A. elect = to chose.

1. Jesus was God's choice.
2. Men would not have chosen Him.

B. Precious.

1. Honored and dear.
2. Only to those who know Him.

C. Non disappointing.

1. "He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded"
2. Have you been disappointed in Jesus?
3. Does not mean, never have a problem?

II. JESUS, PRECIOUS OR REJECTED? V7,8

A. Precious to the believer.

1. "He is honored."

B. Builders disallowed.

1. "Head of the corner."
2. "Stone of stumbling."
3. "Rock of offense."

C. "appointed"

1. The destiny of those who reject Jesus is fixed.

III. OUR POSITION IN CHRIST. V9a

A. Chosen generation.

1. "a chosen race."
2. Not Jews but the born again, His church.

B. Royal Priesthood.

1. "belonging to a King."
2. Priesthood = the body of priests as composed of persons.

C. An holy nation.

1. holy = pure.
2. nation = race, bearing characteristics of Father.

D. A peculiar people.

1. peculiar = purchased = acquisition.
2. people = people collectively.
3. Acts 20:28 "purchased with his own blood."
4. "to get and keep for oneself, gain possession of"

IV. OUR PURPOSE ON EARTH. V9b

A. "That ye should show forth."

1. "That ye may tell out."

B. "Praises of Him"

1. virtues = excellence of any kind.
2. "called out of darkness unto amazing light."

V. OUR POSITION BEFORE SALVATION. V10

A. "were not a people of God."

B. "Which had not obtained mercy."