



# The Cornerstone

*“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”*

**Ephesians 2:19-22 NIV**

The cornerstone, otherwise known as the foundation stone, is the first stone set in the construction of a foundation. The cornerstone is of utmost importance, since all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure. *Without it, the integrity of the building will be compromised, flawed, and will not align to the design for which it was intended.*

And so is also true of our lives.

Christ Himself is our Cornerstone. Through Him, the church was reconciled to the Father. He holds all things together and on Him the very foundation of the world rests. Through Him and for Him, all things were made. There is no stronger foundation than that of the hands of Christ.

*What is the foundation of your life today? What is the one piece of your life that is the reference point for all of your decisions? What have you placed your hopes, your plans, your dreams upon?*

Is it your marriage? Your career? Your children? Your finances?

*Today, in this moment, surrender it over to God, and allow Christ to be the cornerstone in your life.*

Through Him you are being made new. You are reconciled to the Father because of His steadfast love for you. Apart from Christ, there is no peace. No growth. No reconciliation. When we begin to rely on our own talents, abilities, resources, or plans, we leave no room for Christ to move in our hearts. We choose to follow our desires instead of His. We rob ourselves of the promise in scripture that tells us that *“in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”* Allow Christ to be the foundation stone on which all other aspects of your life are aligned, and His Spirit will flood into your life like a rushing wind.

And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. There is peace. There is kindness and love and a powerful force that can move mountains in our lives. When the Spirit of the Lord is abiding in us, we are free to follow in the path that He is leading us, one to a life of abundance in Christ.

Do not allow the enemy to tear apart the very thing that will drive your family, your career, your life forward into the purpose for which you were created. Do not believe the lies from the enemy that tell you that you are alone in this world. Do not believe the lie that says you have no purpose. No talents. No calling. Stand firm in your faith and declare that in Christ you are redeemed, cherished, and made Holy by the blood spilled on your behalf. He came that you may have life, and life to the full. A life where He is refining you into the Masterpiece He created you to be from the beginning. A life built on the foundation of Christ.

Christ must be our Cornerstone, the reference point that determines the positioning and design for all other aspects of our lives. For if we are not obedient in serving Him and bringing glory to Him in the way He has

intended, your works will not flourish. Your life will not align to the design and purposes to which He has called you.

Allow Christ to be the cornerstone in your marriage. Your career. Your family. He will become the steadfast foundation that will align your will to His. One that cannot be shaken.

You have a mighty work to do in His Kingdom, one that he has purposed for you from the start. Ephesians 2:10 tells us “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” The time has come. Make Christ your Cornerstone, and allow Him to move in your life like never before.

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*“Father God, I thank You for Your promises to me. I praise You for Your steadfast love, and for Your mercy and grace that You pour out onto me each day. In these quiet moments, I ask that You reveal to me the areas of my life where I need to be refined, convicted, and changed. I ask You to come into my heart and begin to take away the things of this life on which I have begun to rely on for my assurance. May I seek You, and only You, to be the foundation on which I build my life. I pray that as I move forward into a deeper relationship with You, You will continually guide me and shape me into the woman You have destined me to be. In Jesus’ Holy Name I pray, AMEN.”*

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