"Under Construction (A Stone in God's Building)"

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Peter 2:4-8

BIG IDEA: God builds using living stones.

"As you come to Him...you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built..." 1 Peter 2:4a, 5a (CSB)

Jesus Christ is our CORNERSTONE and FOUNDATION.

- o Jesus Christ is a LIVING stone.
- Jesus Christ is a CHOSEN stone.
- Jesus Christ is a PRECIOUS stone.
- o Jesus Christ is a <u>REJECTED</u> stone.
- Jesus Christ is a STUMBLING stone.

Jesus Christ incorporates <u>US</u> as His <u>BUILDING</u> MATERIAL.

- o Believers are LIVING stones.
- Believers are SHAMELESS stones.
- Believers are BELIEVING stones.
- o Believers are **HONORED** stones.

Jesus Christ is **BUILDING** His **CHURCH**.

- Jesus Christ's building is <u>SPIRITUAL</u>.
- Jesus Christ's building is <u>HOLY</u>.
- Jesus Christ's building is <u>UNIFIED</u>.
- Jesus Christ's building is ACCEPTABLE.
- Jesus Christ's building is <u>BIBLICAL</u>.

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READ: 1 Peter 2:4-8; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

THINK: Consider what is necessary to undertake an effective building project, then ask yourself these questions: What is your "dream house" and where would it be? In what sense is Jesus Christ a Cornerstone? Which characteristics of Jesus Christ as our Cornerstone impact you the most? Why do people reject and stumble over The Stone rather than build their lives on it? According to Peter, what kind of building material are believers for Christ's building project? How would you describe to someone else what God is building?

DO: Describe how you fit into God's great building project as a living stone.