

45. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (25) –

In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

45. A Stone

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+ “In my heart I have treasured up Your word...” (Psa. 119:11)

[Type/Figure]

Isa. 28:16 - Therefore thus says The Lord Jehovah: Indeed I lay a stone in Zion as a **foundation**,
A **tested stone**,

[Fulfillment]

1Pet. 2:4 - Coming to Him, a **living stone**, rejected by men but with God chosen *and* **precious**,

1Pet. 2:5 - You yourselves also, as living **stones**,
are being **built up** as a spiritual **house** into a holy priesthood ...

1Pet. 2:6 - For it is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in **Zion** a **cornerstone**, chosen *and* **precious**;
and he who **believes** on Him **shall by no means be put to shame**.”

+ “...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, ...” (Isa. 11:9)

❖ The Bible speaks of Christ as a **stone**.

- As a **stone Christ** is solid, strong, and stable.
 - He is the **foundation stone** (Isaiah 28:16)
 - Christ is the foundation stone to uphold God’s building
 - He is the **cornerstone** (Psa. 118:22; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:21; Eph. 2:20)
 - To join the Jews and the Gentiles
 - He is the **top stone** (Zech. 4:7)
 - Christ is the grace from God to us to be the covering of God’s building
- This **living stone** is **Christ** for God’s building.
 - As the **living stone** Christ makes us **also living stones**, transformed with His **stone nature**
 - so that on Him **as** the **foundation** and **cornerstone** we may be built up a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5).
- **Christ** is the **stone** “*held in honor*.” It denotes **preciousness**.
 - From the time of Christ’s resurrection and ascension, He has been **held in honor**.
 - He is not only in glory but also on the throne at the right hand of God, in a **position of honor**.
 - Christ is now in such an **honorable position**, He is **precious**, highly **valued**.

+ “And having gift that differ..., let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;” (Rom. 12:6)

+ First Peter 2:6, quoting Isaiah 28:16, says,

“Behold, I lay in Zion a **chosen stone**, a **cornerstone held in honor**, and he who **believes** on Him shall by **no means be put to shame**.”

- ✓ Christ was **chosen** by God in **eternity past**.
- ✓ Then God chose Christ the second time in **resurrection** to be the **stone** for His building.
- ✓ Christ’s **ascension** is a further sign and confirmation that God has **chosen** Him.

+ We who **believes** on **Christ** will **by no means** be put to shame. **Christ** is **trustworthy**, **stable**, and **steadfast**. We can put our trust in Him and be assured that **we shall never be put to shame**.

Hymn 199

1 Thou art the **Rock** everlasting,
Spiritual **Rock** cleft for me;
Drinking of Thee as the **Spirit**,
Thus I become **one with Thee**.
Thou art the **Rock** never shaken,
'Tis on this **Rock** we are **built**;
Joined unto Thee thru **redemption**,
Nothing can shake us thru guilt.

Chorus:

Lord, how we **treasure** Thy **value**,
All that Thou art is for us;
While here in loving **remembrance**
We share Thy wealth **glorious**.

2 Thou art the **Stone** tried by many,
Precious to **God**, **dear** to us,
Thou art so **sure** and **trustworthy**,
Thy strength is so marvelous.
Thou art the **Stone** that is **living**,
Chosen of **God**, made our own;
So energetic and pow'ful,
With endless life to us known.

3 Thou art the **Stone** of **Foundation**
Laid by our **God**, safe and sure;
It is by this sure **foundation**
Safety fore'er we secure.
To us no other **foundation**
Of any kind man can lay;
Thou art the **only** **foundation**
Which we have now and for aye.

4 **Lord**, for **God's** spiritual **building**,
Thou art the **Chief Cornerstone**;
Both of the **Jews** and the **Gentiles**
By Thee are **built into one**.
Lord, Thou art also the **Topstone**,
Brought forth in measureless **grace**;
Thou art our **cover** and **glory**,
Moving our hearts in Thy praise.

Hymn 618

1 On a hill far away
stood an old rugged **cross**,
The emblem of **suff'ring**
and **shame**,
And I **love** that old **cross**
where the **Dearest** and **Best**
For a world of lost **sinner**s
was **slain**.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged **cross**,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will **cling** to the old rugged **cross**,
And **exchange** it some day
for a **crown**.

2 Oh, that old rugged **cross**,
so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear **Lamb of God**
left His **glory** above,
To bear it to dark **Calvary**.

3 In the old rugged **cross**,
stained with **blood** so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old **cross**
Jesus **suffered** and **died**,
To **pardon** and **sanctify** me.

Hymn 17

1 My **Father God**,
when on Thy vast creation,
The wonders of the heav'n
and earth, I gaze,
Things great and small,
beyond enumeration,
Which manifest
Thy **pow'r** in untold ways;

Chorus:

Then all my being sings
in praise to Thee,
How **marvellous**!
How great Thou art!
And this I'll sing through all eternity,
How **marvellous**!
How **great** Thou art!

2 As I enjoy the **grace**
of **Thy salvation**
And contemplate
how Thou Thy **Son** hast sent,
Who **died** that we might be
Thy **new creation**,
Thy **life expressing**
to the full extent;

3 When in the **church**,
in blest participation,
I see how millions
Thine own **life possess**,
How they are **built**
to form Thy **habitation**,
Containing Thee,
Thy **fulness to express**;

4 As I expect the coming age
of fulness
And hope to share
the **new Jerusalem**,
With all the heavens
and the earth in **newness**
And all Thou art
expressed in all of them;