



# Welcome!

**May 2, 2021**

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!” -John 8:36

## Our Worship Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship through Song

Agnus Dei

Goodness of God

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Worship through Prayer

Worship through Scripture

Be a Rock | 1 Peter 2:4-12 | Pastor Scott

Worship by Responding

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Worship by Going

\*\*If you'd like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back. You can also give through the app and web page\*\*

### **Colorado Freedom Church**

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Sundays: Kids and Youth; 5-6 pm; Grades K-12

## Announcements:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.
- If you are interested in partnership, please pick up an information packet at the information table.

## Upcoming Events:

- May 6: National Day of Prayer; Church Facility open for prayer from 8 am to 3 pm.
- May 9: Mother's Day
- May 30: Lunch with the LEAD Team
- June 5: Walk for Life, Memorial Park. See [walkforlife.com](http://walkforlife.com) for more information and to register.
- July 18-21 Connect Conference @ Maranatha Camp; register at [weareberean.org/events](http://weareberean.org/events)
- September 16: Back to Church Sunday

## Prayer Matters

*And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.*

1 John 5:14-15 (NLT)

### Berean Church

Imperial, NE – Imperial Berean Church (Matt and Rachel)

### Global Outreach

Berean Fellowship – International and National Church Planting

### Other

**Be a Rock | 1 Peter 2:4-12**  
**Pastor Scott Maxon | Colorado Freedom Church**

Upon what or whom am I aligning my life?

*<sup>4</sup> You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.*

*<sup>5a</sup> And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.*

“Am I willing to be shaped and used as a living stone for God's purposes?”

*<sup>5b</sup> What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.*

Spiritual Sacrifices:

The spiritual sacrifices of the NT priest are:

1. The presentation of the body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. This is an act of spiritual worship (Rom. 12:1).
2. The sacrifice of praise. “That is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name” (Heb. 13:15).
3. The sacrifice of good works. “Do not forget to do good. . . .” This sacrifice is pleasing to God (Heb. 13:16).
4. The sacrifice of possessions, or pocketbook. “Do not forget . . . to share.” This sacrifice also is pleasing to the Lord (Heb. 13:16).
5. The sacrifice of service. Paul speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles as a priestly offering (Rom. 15:16).
6. The sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is often overlooked or undervalued as a spiritual sacrifice, but the ancient church had a high view of it.

What are some sacrifices I'm not offering to God?

*<sup>6</sup> As the Scriptures say,*

*“I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,  
chosen for great honor,  
and anyone who trusts in him  
will never be disgraced.”*

*<sup>7</sup> Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.”*

*<sup>8</sup> And,*

*“He is the stone that makes people stumble,  
the rock that makes them fall.”*

*They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.*

2 Peter 3:9: *“The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.”*

Am I trusting Jesus as the cornerstone of life or am I stumbling over Him?

<sup>9</sup> *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

<sup>10</sup> *"Once you had no identity as a people;  
now you are God's people.  
Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's mercy."*

How am I to proclaim the excellencies of God?

<sup>11</sup> *Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.*

<sup>12</sup> *Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.*

- Do I live an exemplary life? Do I have unimpeachable integrity? Do I do good deeds among unbelievers? Do I consider how outsiders view my attitudes and actions?

#### **QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY<sup>1</sup>:**

1. What process is God undertaking in the lives of believers? What does it mean to you to be part of this "spiritual house" (v. 5)?
2. By what various names does Peter call Christians in this passage? Which of these terms can you relate to the most?
3. How does v. 10 put the rest of the passage in perspective?
4. According to vv. 11-12, how is our new status with God to influence the way we live?
5. What has your "spiritual house" (v. 5) felt like lately: A secure castle? A leaky hut? A construction site? Other?
6. What does it mean to truly make Jesus the cornerstone on which your life is built?
7. How has Jesus, as the cornerstone, defined the shape of your life?
8. Does v. 9 match up with how you view yourself?
9. A battle rages against your soul. How might you become more aware of the spiritual warfare around you today?
10. What part of this world tempts you to forget your true citizenship, which is in heaven? How is feeling comfortable or complacent also part of the battle?
11. How might maintaining good conduct draw your coworkers, neighbors, acquaintances, and family toward Christ?

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from multiple Study Guides on 1 Peter.