

A Stone of Salvation and A Rock of Offense

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Romans 9:30-33 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,³³ as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

I. A Cornerstone

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Isaiah 28:1-3 **Woe to the proud crown** of the drunkards of Ephraim, And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which is at the head of the fertile valley Of those who are overcome with wine!² Behold, the Lord has a strong and courageous *agent*; As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction, Like a storm of mighty overflowing waters, He has set *it* down to the earth with *His* hand.³ The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim is trodden under foot. (LSB)

Isa. 28:5-6 In that day **the LORD of hosts will be a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the remnant of his people**,⁶ and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

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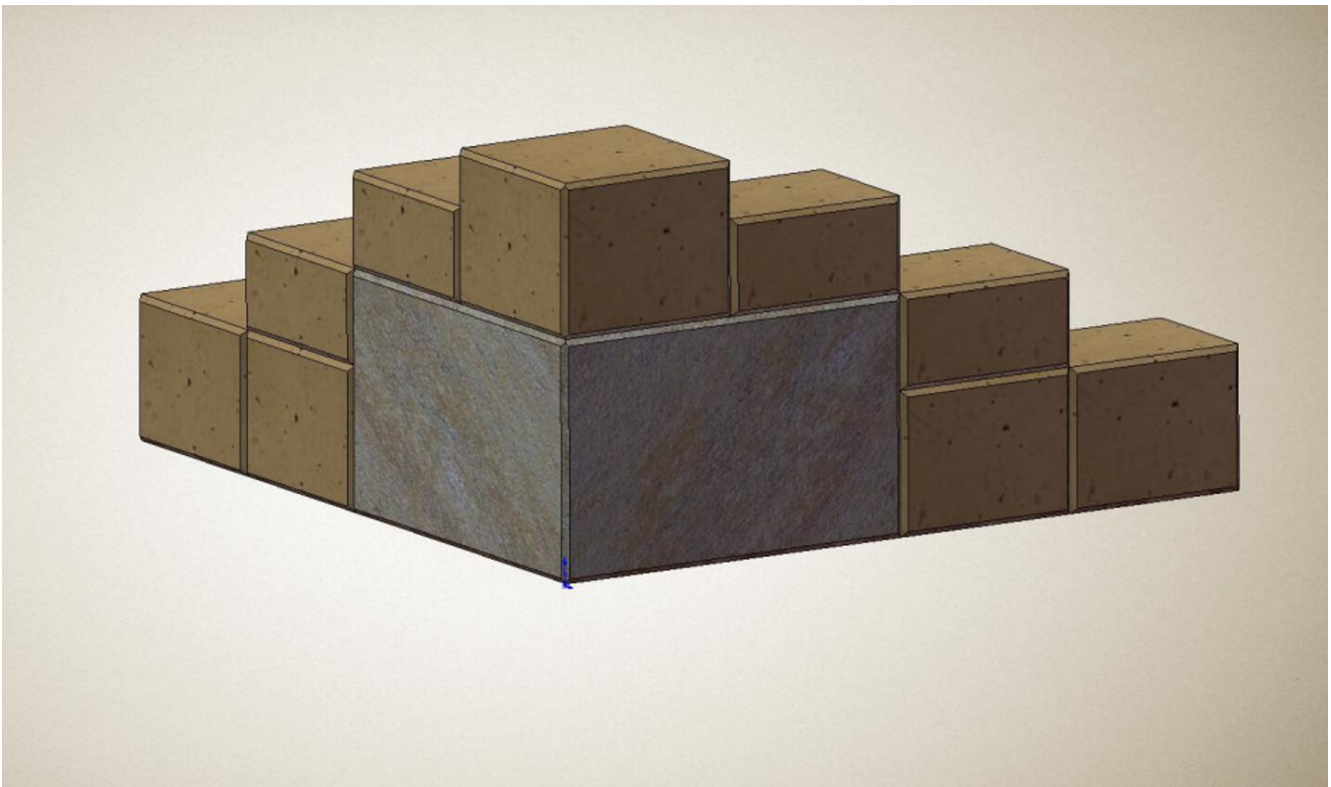
1 Corinthians 3:11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 2:19-21 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone**,²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, **grows into a holy temple in the Lord.**

II. A Reliable Stone

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1 Pet. 1:18-20 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.

1 Pet. 2:7-8 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

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Isa. 28:16-17 Therefore thus says Lord Yahweh, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. **He who believes in it will not be disturbed.** (LSB)

ESV **Romans 10:11** For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him **will not be put to shame.**"

NAS **Romans 10:11** For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him **will not be disappointed.**"

III. A Rejected Stone

Isaiah 28:12 to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; **yet they would not hear.**

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Matt. 3:11-12 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

John 5:21-23 ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, **so also the Son gives life to whom he will.** ²² For the Father judges no one, but **has given all judgment to the Son,** ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

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Isaiah 8:13-15 But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴ And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

Matt. 23:37-38 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate.

John 1:11-13 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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