

A FOUNDATION OF STONES

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Point #1 – There are Foundation Lines

- Job 4:18-20 – God will not trust people with a Kingdom assignment if they live as clay; as people who are easily crushed with circumstances, so He gives us foundation lines to help us become solid vessels to work with.
- Isaiah 28:16-17 – A cornerstone is used in a foundation stone for the reference point of every other stone laid in the foundation. A plumb line is used to ensure that the structure stands upright with a center of gravity and will not fall; it is also used to tear a structure down. There is a cornerstone for lines of justice and a plumb line for the line of righteousness. Before we saw the man of Jesus, we saw Jesus as the Word of God; the way, the truth, before we saw the life. He existed in the teachings of lines of justice that we refer to as the law and commands of God. Because sin entered the world, God sent Jesus as a man to take care of the plumb line (vertical) of right standing with God so that when we fall short of the horizontal (cornerstone) lines of justice, we would not be separated from our right standing with our Father.
- Luke 21:5-6 – When we do not build a house within the plumb line of right standing and the cornerstone lines of justice, the house is destined to fall.
- Psalm 118:22, Ephesians 2:19-20 – our house, the house of God, needs to be built on the cornerstone of Jesus. He took care of the vertical line so we could focus on the lines of justice – when we build within these lines, the earth becomes governed by us, the sons and daughters of God.
- Isaiah 8:14 – IF you find yourself stumbling, failing, you see that you are building a house in your life that is destined to fall and make you stumble because you are operating outside lines of perfect building.

Point #2 – You are a Stone

- 1 Peter 2:4-5 – you are the stone that Jesus made right in the vertical line and gave you a way of living in the horizontal lines of justice so the Father could use you to build his Church (his house)
- 1 Peter 2:1-3 – in order to develop a craving, a desire for the full experience of salvation you must get rid of all things outside the foundation lines. When you get rid of those things, you make room for desire to change and line up with God's desires.
- Genesis 2:7, Psalm 40:2 – God changed your identity from clay to a living stone, yet we live as people still in a pit of clay – We have to embrace our new identity and walk and operate as stones, not dead clay.

Point #3 – Become a Stone

- Ephesians 2:20-22 – when we realize we are all stones that are destined to be joined together – we begin to look at each other as a necessary part of the house instead of being offended at petty things as if they (and we) are merely clay.
- Matthew 16:18-19 – Jesus calls Peter what his true identity is (a rock). Then Jesus proclaims that upon people living as rocks, is what He will build His church (His house) on. There are 2 different words used for “rock” – petros (Peter; masculine form of verb) and petras (upon this rock, feminine form of verb) – He is talking about what we are individually as stones, and corporately as a Bride of stones He uses to build upon.
- Colossians 2:9-10 – We are made completer when we come in to union with Jesus and therefore any authority that stands against you has to submit to the God in you – and this happened when you become the living stone God created you to be by living within the lines of justice set by the cornerstone and the line of righteousness taken care of by the sacrifice of the cornerstone.