

**Year A #230**  
**Chief Cornerstone**  
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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Did you realize that we are the workmanship of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Did you realize that we are part of His body, the Church? The foundation is the *chief cornerstone*. You say, “What is a chief cornerstone? I do not know what that means.” Well, in building a building, every stone was prepared away from the place where they would be assembled. Not needing a great deal of mortar to hold them together, or whatever material held those stones together, by absolute planning of the perfect position of each stone, they just fit together.

But there was one stone, the cornerstone. Probably it had been sent along with the others and somebody said, “What is this for? We do not know what this is,” and had pushed it aside. Therefore, nobody realized that the chief cornerstone for the total building was the Lord Jesus.

We read in **Ephesians 2** -

**19** **Now therefore ye . . .** - *those who have come to know the Lord Jesus personally - . . .* **are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;** -*we all belong to the same family.-*

**20** **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and**

**prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.**

**21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord;** - *oh, do understand it is vital where you are today; it is vital where I am as a child of God, that we are part of that holy temple.*

**22 In whom ye also are builded together - for what? - for a habitation - for a house - of God through the Spirit.** Therefore, it is not because I belong to this church and you belong to another, and I am competing with you or I think you should have my job or I don't want you to have your job. We are all the time fighting about these silly things! We belong to the one building, ***the holy temple***, of which God then takes us and He is that chief cornerstone.

It was in **Acts 4: 8-12** that we read -

**8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

**9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;**

**10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.** In other words, somebody had been miraculously healed. And Peter is showing Who had done this healing and in showing it, he tells them it is ***Jesus Christ . . . whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead.*** *That is the key of the\_Gospel.*

**11 This - speaking of Jesus Christ - is the stone which was set at nought - that is, as if worthless - of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.** He is saying to the very ones who crucified Christ, “Look, you did not realize that the Chief Cornerstone, Jesus Christ, who you took and set aside, is the Head of of this whole building. And, only in Jesus, by this One who is the chief cornerstone, is there any salvation.”

**12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

So what of the Chief Cornerstone in your life? Will you be like those who reject and don't understand that not only is He the foundation, having the key position of holding the whole building together, but He, in turn, wants your life and my life, as those stones which He works on, individually, to prepare us that we are that total building together with the filling of His Spirit. Or do you view the Cross and see the Cross as did those many who were around Him on the day He hung and was crucified? There were some who just watched and were totally indifferent. There were others who were just fighting Him; they were furious at Him. They didn't want this One who said that you cannot be saved without receiving Jesus Christ, for He was crucified for your sin and my sin. He bore in His body all our sin. Instead, they want what I would call, a nice looking cross with a lot of religion, but

somehow they do not want to say, "Only by Jesus can I be saved."

Then there were those who were evil in heart and they wanted to brutalize and mock and rail. They couldn't bear not only Jesus, but they cannot bear those today who stand in His Name, who are willing to say, "Whatever you do to me, I stand in Christ Jesus." There were the covetous ones. They looked at the garment and played games just to take what they could from Jesus. They were near to Him, but they missed knowing Him.

Then there were those, like the sinner who said, "I need You," and received Jesus as his personal Saviour. Would you be like that one today and receive Him, and be part of that building?

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*