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"YOU CAN MAKE IT"

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER 1 Peter 2:4-9

There is only one Savior, Jesus Christ, and only one spiritual building, the church. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone of the church (Ephesians 2:20), binding the building together. Whether we agree with each other or not, all true Christians belong to each other as stones in God's building.

STONES IN THE SAME BUILDING

Jesus Christ The Chief Cornerstone

- He Is a Living Stone v. 4-He is a living stone because He was raised from the dead in victory.
 Matthew 16:18 He is also alive and gives life to those who need it. John 6:51-53
- He Is the Chosen Stone v. 4-He is the chosen stone by the Father. Jesus was not the Messiah that Jewish were expecting, so they stumbled over Him. People are still stumbling over Him today. Isaiah 28:16, Psalms 118:22
- o He Is a Precious Stone v. 4-This refers to Christ being "costly, highly prized, rare". 1 Peter 1:19

Believers Union With Christ

- We are Living Stones v. 5-When sinners come in faith to Christ, the "living stone," they too become living stones.
- We Are Being Built on A Spiritual House v. 5-This spiritual house represents more than brick and mortar. Hebrews 3:6
- We Are A Holy Priesthood v. 5-In the Old Testament only priest had access to God. However, under the New Covenant believers are priest. Hebrews 9:1-10, Leviticus 16:29-34
 - ✓ We have direct access to God Matthew 27:47-53, Hebrews. 4:16
 - ✓ We have the privilege and responsibility of serving as priest to others. James 5:16
 - ✓ We should offer appropriate sacrifices. **Hebrews 13:15-16**
- We Are A Chosen Generation v. 9-This speaks to the grace of God. God chooses us not because we are great, but because of grace. John 15:16
- We Are A Holy Nation v. 9-We have been set apart to belong to God. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are to be distinct and different.
- We Are The People of God v. 9-In our unsaved conditions we belong to Satan and the world. Now that we have trusted Christ, we belong to Him. Our responsibility is tell our story of redemption.