

## Sermon Handout

Jesus: The Foundation Stone  
Ephesians 1:6-10

- I. In the Beloved One we have redemption** vv. 6-7
  - a. We are accepted *in* the Beloved One (Jesus) v. 6
  - b. *In* Christ we have forgiveness of sins v. 7a
  - c. This is in accordance with the Father's grace v. 7b *cf.* vv. 2-3; Phil 4:19
  - d. The plan flows from God's own will and purpose v. 9 *cf.* v. 5
  - e. All in heaven and earth is gathered together *in* Christ v. 10
  
- II. The Stone the Builders Rejected** (the OT expectation)
  - a. In Isaiah 8:13-17
    - i. God will provide a refuge vv. 13-14a
    - ii. Unbelief will stumble over him vv. 14b-15
    - iii. The testimony sealed to believers v. 16 *cf.* Is 54:13
    - iv. Wait for him to appear v. 17
  - b. In Isaiah 28:14-16
    - i. Scorners take refuge in lies vv. 14-15 *cf.* Jn 8:44
    - ii. God lays a stone in Zion, a foundation v. 16  
A tested stone, a reliable cornerstone, a sure foundation
    - iii. Unbelievers will reject it; believers will be secure in it. v. 16b
  - c. In Psalm 118:19-24
    - i. The gate of the Lord opens for salvation vv. 19-21
    - ii. The stone becomes the foundation v. 22
    - iii. This is God's doing, causing rejoicing vv. 23-24
  
- III. The Stone is Christ** (the NT fulfillment)
  - a. Rom 9:31-33 quoting Is 8:14; 28:16
  - b. I Pet 2:1-9 quoting Is 8, 28 and Ps 118
  - c. Peter & Paul quote Is 28:16 – “believers will not be disappointed”
  
- IV. Ephesians Picks Up this Theme**
  - a. Foundation: apostles, prophets w/ the Stone, Jesus 2:19-22 *cf.* Heb 3:6
  - b. Mystery revealed through apostles & prophets 3:2-6 *cf.* Is 8:16
  - c. Confirmation: 12 Apostles in New Jerusalem - foundation Rev 21:14