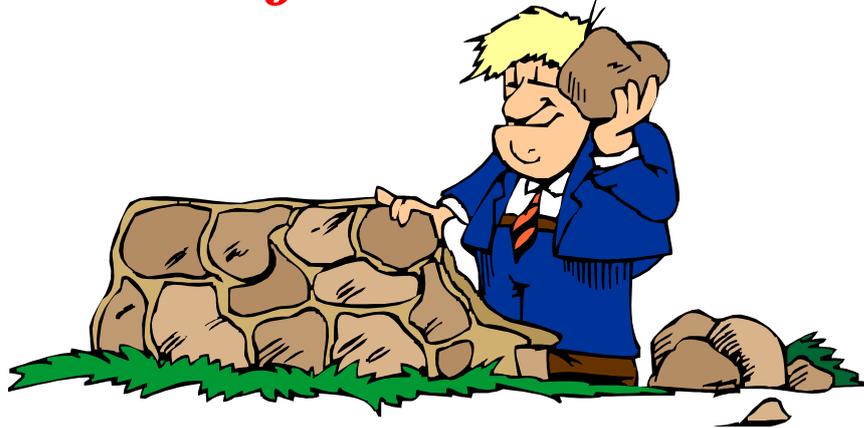


Pictures of Jesus

# *The Chief Cornerstone*



*This man is building a house out of stone. To do this requires many stones that must fit together perfectly. In order to line up the walls properly, one very important stone is needed—the cornerstone. The cornerstone is placed in exactly the right position and all other stones rely on the cornerstone to line up properly. Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. By building our faith on Jesus only, we will not go wrong or end up with a faith that will collapse. Our faith will be like a very strong house made of stone that can withstand storms without damage. If we build our faith on anything other than Jesus, our faith will have uneven stones and holes in it. Our faith will break apart if it does not have the strength of Jesus teaching to hold it up.*

**Ephesians 2:19-21** | “You are no longer foreigners and aliens but fellow citizen with God’s people and members of God’s household built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.”

**Isaiah 28:16** | “So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘See I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.’”

When a very large building is built, there has to be a starting corner that is exactly correct. If you start building with a crooked corner, the whole building will be crooked. The cornerstone is the most important stone in the building.

Jesus is the chief cornerstone for the Church. Jesus is the perfect guide on which to build faith and the Church. To build faith and the Church on anything else is to build with a crooked corner and everything will come out incorrect. Our faith and the Church is a holy temple to the Lord and must be built on a solid foundation which is Jesus.

Jesus taught the apostles about salvation and the apostles went all over the world passing on Jesus' teachings. Using Jesus as the perfect cornerstone, the apostles built the foundation of the Church exactly as God wanted it. What were the bricks that were used to build God's holy Church? The answer is everyone who believes that Jesus is their Savior is a part of the holy Church like a brick in a building. We are all members of God's household and an important part of His Church if we believe in Jesus.

Jesus began the Church perfectly. The apostles continued the building of the Church always looking to Jesus to keep from going astray. All who believe in Jesus make up the holy Church and are part of God's household. We all look to Jesus to make sure that we do not go astray and build incorrectly. We worship one God and Savior the way He wants us to according to the Bible. We share one true faith according to what we are taught in the Bible. We have only one true word of God and that is the Bible. The cornerstone of our faith is perfect and if we keep our eyes on Jesus, we will not go wrong.

#### PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for giving us the perfect start for our faith and our Church. Help us to learn more about You in our Bible and to do all that You told us to do. Keep us from going wrong as we continue to build our faith and Your Church. Amen