

# GRANITE



Granite is a very common rock that you can see wherever you live. Granite is made up of many small pieces that are bonded together by great heat and pressure. Granite is very hard and lasts a very long time even in difficult places. It holds up to a lot of force without breaking.

Granite is so long lasting that it is used for making buildings, statues, monuments and headstones on graves. When it is polished it is very pretty.

What can we learn from God's creation of granite?

Granite teaches us lessons about God's church. Just as granite is made up of many small pieces bonded together, the church is made up of many people bonded together by the love of God. Each small piece is different from the others in size, shape and color yet together they make up one stone of great strength. The Bible teaches us about the many people who make up the church in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:20 and 12:27, "There are many parts but one body...Now you (Christians) are the body (church) of Christ and each one of you is a part of it."

The church is made up of many different types of people yet together they make one strong church. It is the differences in the many Christians that help to make the church strong. Each of us has different strengths and weaknesses. Each of us has different abilities and lack of abilities. Where one person is weak another is strong. Working together and with God's help everything that the church needs to do gets done. This does not happen by accident. God is in control and He puts many different people together to do the work he wants done. The Bible tells us this in 1<sup>st</sup>

Corinthians 12:18, "God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."

Great heat and pressure create granite and make it very strong and long lasting. God uses the same method to make people and the church stronger. Difficult times make us turn to God and strengthen our faith. With a strong faith in Jesus as our Savior, we will have eternal life. Like granite, we will be strong and long lasting. We have God's promise of this in James 1:12, "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

