

## **The Stone the Builders Rejected (1 Peter 2:6-8)**

- Does “unbelief” nullify the power and purpose of the Gospel?
- Peter dealt with unbelief before the Sanhedrin & now among the pagans
- Peter writes to the Gentile Christians to encourage them to trust Christ
- God has laid his corner stone in Zion, a chief cornerstone, elect, precious

### **I. If You Believe in Christ, the Stone: You Can't Lose**

Peter is drawing from several OT texts to encourage persecuted believers

Isaiah 28: 16 – “those who trust” in the Lord will not be put to shame

Peter says: corner stone is precious & building life on Him secures you

Peter says – if you trust in Jesus and life for Him you cannot lose

### **II. If You Disbelieve the Stone: You Can't Win**

- There are those who will not believe, who reject Christ as the cornerstone

*Vs 7b The stone which the builders rejected, Has become the chief  
cornerstone,”*

- What effect does this have on God’s plan or purpose – absolutely none!
- Human unbelief does not frustrate / defeat the ultimate purposes of God.

### **III. "Unto This You Were Appointed"**

"To this—this stumbling, this disobedience—they were appointed."

- Key point: even man’s very unbelief is under God’s sovereign control
- Jesus Christ is glorified either way, if we believe & if we don’t believe
- If we believe: prove Him to be the precious stone that He really is
- If we disbelieve: prove His sovereign power, still accomplish His purpose