

Our Precious Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:4-8

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1. Rejected by the world.

- a.
- b.

2. Chosen as the precious cornerstone by God.

- a.
- b.

3. The secure hope for all who believe.

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Reflection Notes:

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



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1 Peter 2:7-8

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But for those who disbelieve,

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This became the very cornerstone,” and,

“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”;

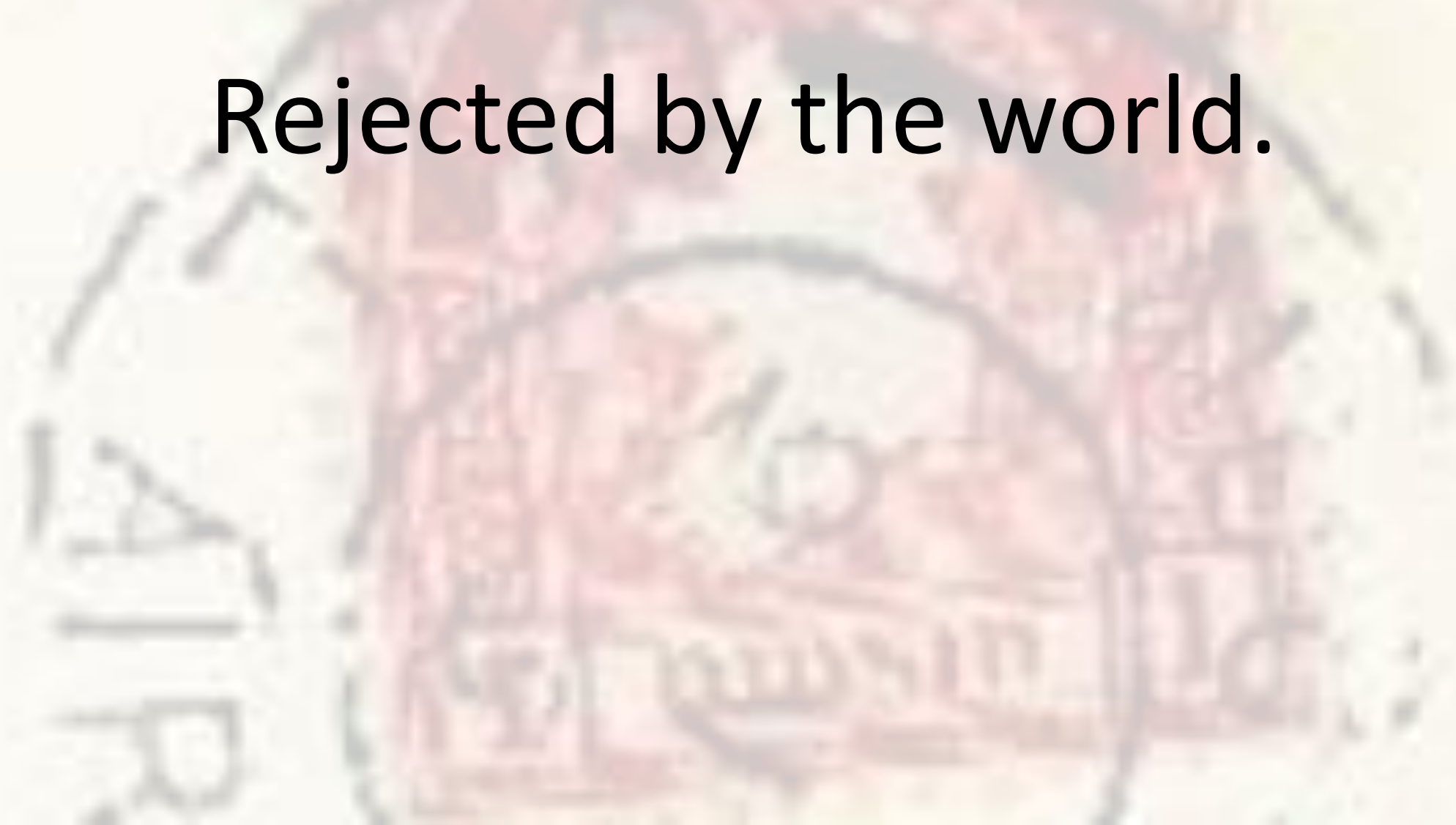
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and to this doom they were also appointed.

Jesus, whom the world rejects,
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Cornerstone for His Church, and the
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Jesus, Our Precious Cornerstone

Rejected by the world.



1 Peter 2:4 and 7

And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men,
but choice and precious in the sight of God...
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“The stone which the builders rejected...”

Rejected by the world.

*He is the stone over
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and to this doom they were also appointed.

It is not so much an intelligent designer or even the idea of God that trips people up, but the person and message of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:23

...but we preach Christ crucified,
to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness.

Rejected by the world.

He is the stone over which people stumble.

*He is the rock
that causes offense.*

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It is the cross of Christ,
rightly understood, that is
offensive to the world.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is to those
who are perishing foolishness,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ, **and Him crucified.**

Implications

Jesus Christ must be our focus.

His cross must be our message.

Jesus, Our Precious Cornerstone

Rejected by the world.

Chosen as the precious
Cornerstone by God.

God's chosen Cornerstone

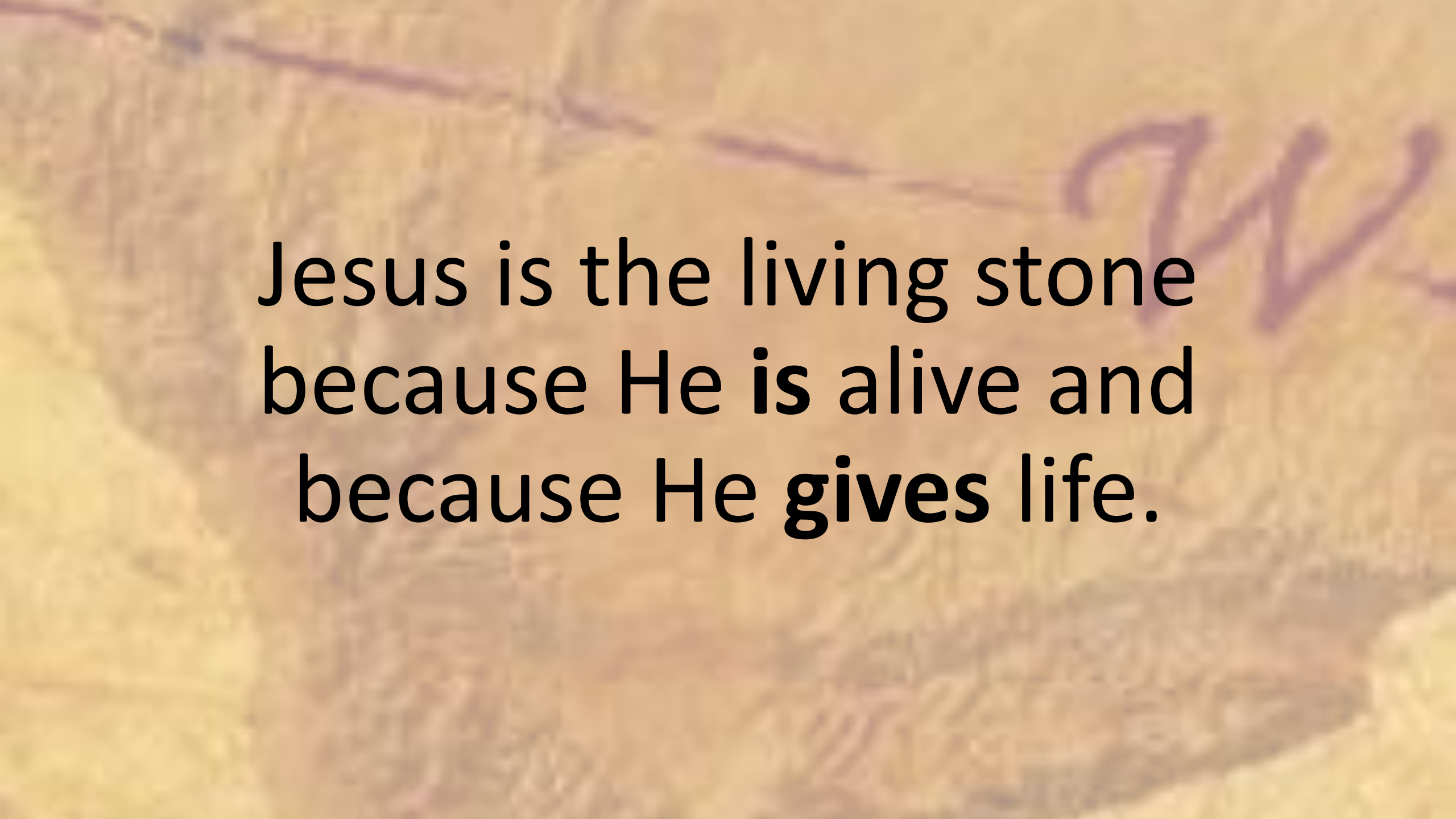
*He is the living stone
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1 Peter 2:4-6

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Jesus is the living stone
because He **is** alive and
because He **gives** life.

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The world, and *even the builders*
of God's house, rejected Christ,
but He is the precious stone
selected by God.



1 Peter 2:7

The stone which the builders rejected,
This became the very cornerstone...

If Jesus is so very precious to
God, ought He not be to you!

God's chosen Cornerstone

He is the living stone selected by God.

*He is the precious cornerstone
of God's Church.*

1 Peter 2:4-6

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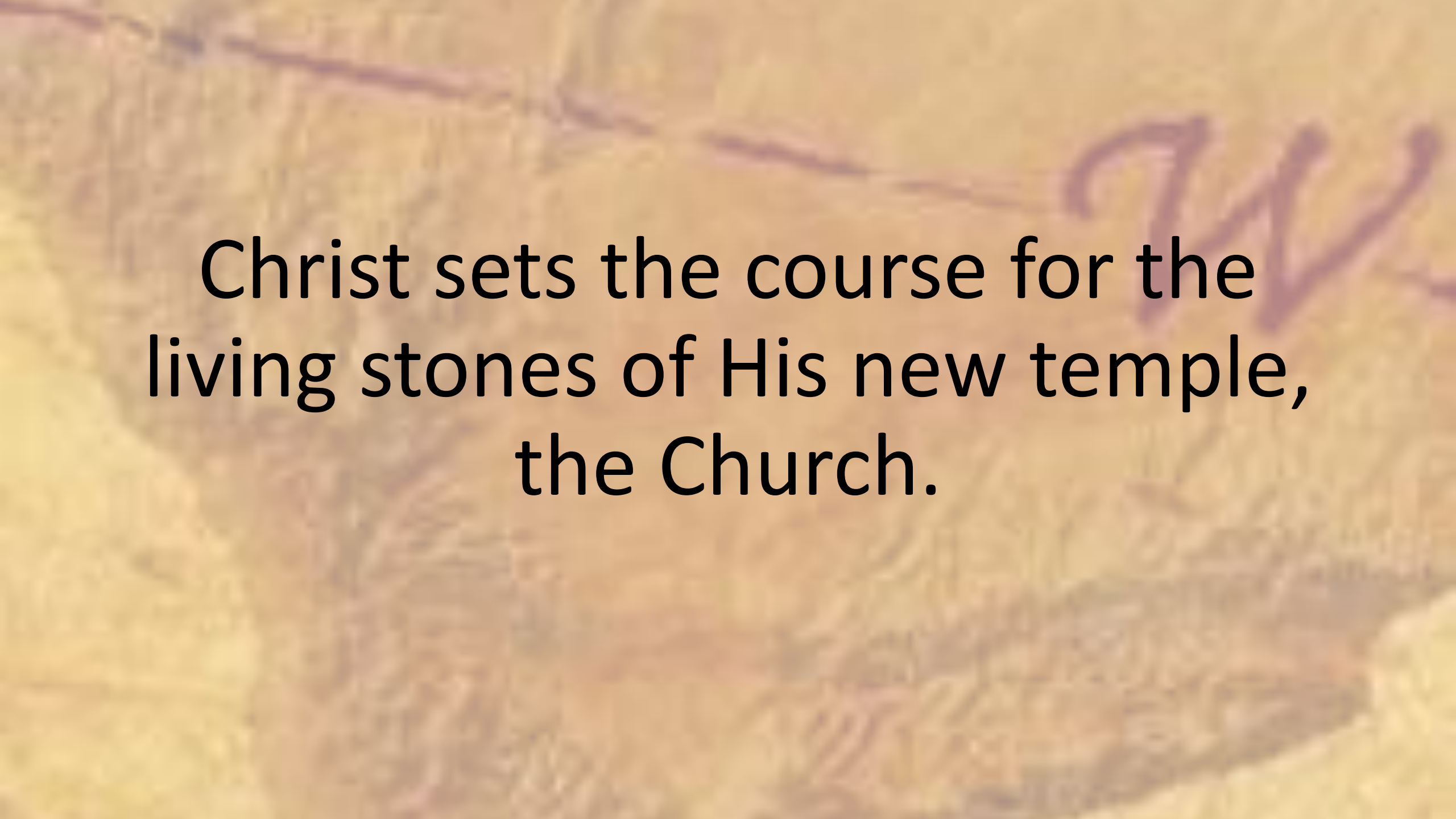
The Church is the new house of God,
and Jesus is its Cornerstone.

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Christ sets the course for the
living stones of His new temple,
the Church.

Implications

He is our *Standard*.

He is our *Authority*.

**Without Him
everything collapses!**

Jesus, Our Precious Cornerstone

Rejected by the world.

Chosen as the precious Cornerstone by God.

The secure hope
for all who believe.

The secure hope of believers

*He is the firm foundation
of the Church.*

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God did not choose
a faulty foundation stone.

Because of who Christ is,
the foundation of His Church
is unshakable!

Implications

He will build His Church.

The ongoing success of His Church
is **NOT** dependent upon me or you.

The secure hope of believers

He is the firm foundation of the Church.

*He is eternal security
for all who believe upon Him.*

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Jesus is the only sure and
lasting hope that will never
disappoint you.

Implications

He will not disappoint you in **this** life.

In no way will He disappoint you
in the life He is preparing for you.

Is Jesus *your standard, your authority,*
the hope of your life?

**Is He more precious to
you than all else?**