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# 1 Peter 2:6-10 – From one rock to another

* The supporting Scripture.
  + As Scripture interprets Scripture, the writer begins his support by referencing Isaiah 28:16 and Isaiah 45:16-17.
  + Luther here makes the supportive argument that Christ (our Living Cornerstone) is both God and Man…
    - As we, His fellow man needs to be shaped to be like Him in the building of this, the faith.
    - Now I have also stated what the building is. It is faith. Through faith we are placed on Christ, put our trust in this Stone, and thus become like Him. And this must take place in such a way that the building fits together; for the other stones must all be adjusted and arranged according to this Stone. This is love, a fruit of faith.[[1]](#footnote-1)
  + An honor to be built on Christ the cornerstone.
    - Matthew 13:44-46
    - Psalm 118:22-23
    - For we do not bear Him, but He bears us. Sin, death, hell, and everything we have lie on Him, so that all this and whatever happens to us cannot harm us if we are placed on this Foundation. [[2]](#footnote-2)
    - A wall of both Jew and Gentile.
      * Ephesians 2:19-22
    - To reject Christ is to build your faith on another cornerstone.
      * For it is ordained that what does not rest on this Stone is already lost. [[3]](#footnote-3)
        + Mark 16:16
  + Therefore, those who reject Christ and find Him offensive will stumble and fall.
    - Isaiah 8:14
    - Luke 2:34
    - Warnings against works righteousness.
      * This is what is meant: When one preaches Christ and says: “Behold, this Stone is placed as a foundation in order that you may despair completely of yourself and lose heart, regard your own works and piety as something altogether damnable, rely solely on Him, and believe that Christ’s righteousness is your righteousness.”[[4]](#footnote-4)
    - Destined to stumble?
      * 1 Thessalonians 5:9
      * Because of the fall, we are all destined for disobedience, yet the Lord’s desire is that all be destined for salvation through Christ alone.
      * It goes against our human nature/old Adam to cling to Christ alone.
* A reinforcement of the Lord’s desire for His Church.
  + Who you are:
    - Deuteronomy 7:6
    - Exodus 19:5-6
  + But we are all priests before God if we are Christians. For since we have been laid on the Stone who is the Chief Priest before God, we also have everything He has.

It would please me very much if this word “priest” were used as commonly as the term “Christians” is applied to us. For priests, the baptized, and Christians are all one and the same.[[5]](#footnote-5)

* + The difference between and king and a king and a priest and a priest.
    - St. Peter says here: “You are a royal priesthood,” this is tantamount to saying: “You are Christians.” If you want to know what kind of title and what kind of power and praise Christians have, you see here that they are kings and priests and a chosen race. But what is the priestly office? The answer follows:[[6]](#footnote-6)
* Theology is for proclamation
  + A priest must be God’s messenger and must have a command from God to proclaim His Word. You must, says Peter, exercise the chief function of a priest, that is, to proclaim the wonderful deed God has performed for you to bring you out of darkness into the light. And your preaching should be done in such a way that one brother proclaims the mighty deed of God to the other, how you have been delivered through Him from sin, hell, death, and all misfortune, and have been called to eternal life.[[7]](#footnote-7)
  + The chief work of a Christian.
* You have been called from darkness to His marvelous light
  + Peter states clearly that there is only one light and concludes that all our reason, no matter how clever, is utter darkness.[[8]](#footnote-8)
  + Isaiah 9:2
  + Isaiah 42:16
  + Isaiah 60:1-2
  + Psalms 36:9
  + Ephesians 5:8-11
  + Colossians 1:13
  + Consequently, everything that is not God’s Word and faith is darkness. For there reason gropes about like a blind man, always falls from one thing upon another, and does not know what it is doing. If we tell this to the learned and wise in the world, they do not want to hear it and begin to cry out and rage against it. Therefore St. Peter is truly a bold apostle. What everybody calls light he designates as darkness[[9]](#footnote-9)
* Who you are: A people with mercy!
  + Hosea 1:1-9
  + Hosea 2:23
  + Romans 9:25-26
    - With these words he now wants to point out that the statement of the prophet has now been fulfilled, that they are now a holy nation, God’s own people, the priesthood and kingdom, and that they have everything Christ has—provided that they believe.[[10]](#footnote-10)

# 1 Peter 2:11-12 – Fight the Good Fight

* Remember your place...
  + You are but a stranger and alien here!
    - Psalm 39:12
* The great war.
  + Spirit vs. Flesh
    - Romans 8:13
    - Galatians 5:16
    - Not perfect yet…
      * Therefore you must understand it to mean that Christians are divided into two parts: the inner being, which is faith, and the outer being, which is the flesh.[[11]](#footnote-11)
      * But since faith is in the flesh and we are still dwelling on earth, we sometimes feel evil inclinations, such as impatience, fear of death, etc. All these are still weaknesses of the old man, for faith has not yet completely permeated him and still does not have full power over the flesh.[[12]](#footnote-12)
    - Luther and the parable of the Good Samaritan.
      * Christ is the Great Physician
    - “Not me!”
      * “There but before the grace of God go I.”
      * Romans 7:22-23
        + It is as if he were saying: “To be sure, I struggle against it; but it refuses to stop. Therefore I would like to be rid of it, but this will not happen. My wishing does not help. What, then, shall I do?”[[13]](#footnote-13)
    - Do not give up!
      * Only see to it that you are a man and do not let yourself be taken captive by them. Resist constantly, and say: “I will not! I will not!” For here things must go just as they go between an evil husband and an evil wife who constantly grumble against each other. The one does not want what the other wants.[[14]](#footnote-14)
      * Now a true Christian life is never at rest. This does not mean that one should feel no sin. Indeed, one should feel it. Only one should not yield to it. One should fast, pray, and work, in order to subdue and suppress lust. Therefore you dare not think that in this way you will become a saint, as those fools speak about this. As long as flesh and blood remain, so long sin also remains. Consequently, constant warfare is necessary. He who does not experience this dare not boast of being a Christian.[[15]](#footnote-15)
* Good Conduct
  + Matthew 5:16
  + Done to save one’s self?
    - But I should not maintain this good conduct in my own interest; I must do so in order that the Gentiles may mend their ways and be attracted by it, that they may also come to Christ through us, which is a true work of love.[[16]](#footnote-16)

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