

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: 1 Peter 2

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Isn't he precious! Jesus is the one who says cast all your cares on me. Jesus is the one who says come all you who are weary and heaven laden and I will give you rest! That is our Jesus. He is the Lily of the valley ... the bright and morning star ... the fairest of ten thousand. Jesus is alive and Jesus is precious.

Next read verse 5: "⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Peter says the church is made up of living stones. When you think of a stone or a rock what do you think of? Do you think of stones or rocks being alive or are they dead?

Let me explain. Back in my 70's days some enterprising person came up with a really brilliant sales idea to sell something to the American public, which he believed would buy anything. He said it was to fulfill a need that nobody else was fulfilling. He proved to be right. Believe it or not there were people that wanted a pet. One they didn't have to feed or clean up after.

Do you remember the invention? It was a pet rock.

Are you brave enough to admit they had one or even still have one.

You see a pet rock would never wake you up in the morning to want to go outside. It never left any hair on your clothes or furniture. It never had a bad odor. There was no litter box required, no chain, no hair brush, no cage or pen. There were no pet bills. All you had to do with it was lay it down any where you wanted and leave it there. However, the instructions said you should talk to it and stroke it from time to time. A pet rock or any rock had no life whatsoever. It was dead.

Peter says, Christians are living stone or rocks. What makes us living? It is the contact, the relationship we have with the living stone, Jesus Christ our Lord.