

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Sermon in Stone

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Introduction:

1. How many of you remember skipping stones on the water?
2. Did anyone collect rocks or gather up stones as a child?
3. The Bible has a lot to say about stones . . . have you noticed?
4. Genesis 28:11, Exodus 17:12, I Samuel 17:40
5. What can we learn about some great stones of the Bible?

Discussion:

I. A Stone of Punishment

John 8: 1-12
Acts 7:58-59
II Corinthians 11:25
Hebrews 11:37

II. A Stone of Stumbling

Psalms 118:22-23
Matthew 21:42-43
Romans 14:13
I Corinthians 1:23
I Corinthians 8:9

III. A Memorial Stone

Exodus 20:1-26
Exodus 28:9
Exodus 39:6
Joshua 4:1-9
I Samuel 7:12

IV. A Living Stone

I Corinthians 3:2-3
I Peter 2:4-6
Matthew 16:18
I Corinthians 10:4
Psalm 95:1

V. A Cornerstone

Psalms 118:22-23
Isaiah 26:17
Acts 4:11-1
Romans 9:33
I Peter 2:6-7
Matthew 7:24-27
Ephesians 2:19-22

VI. A Rolled Stone

Matthew 27:57-66
Matthew 28:1-6
Mark 16:4
Luke 24:2
John 20:1-10

VII. A White Stone

Revelation 2:17
Revelation 2:10
Acts 2:38-39
Ephesians 4:30
John 14:14-18
John 14:1-4

Conclusion:

1. Rocks and stones are not a nuisance.
2. They are symbols of Christianity and God's great promises.
3. Are you ready to lay down your stones of punishment?
4. Are you ready to remove your stones of stumbling?
5. Are you prepared to have that memorial stone placed on your grave or are there things you need to repent of before your life is ended?
6. Are you ready to become a living stone?
7. Are you willing to stand upon Jesus Christ as your chief cornerstone?
8. Do you believe that the stone was rolled away?
9. If so then a white stone, a symbol of eternal life awaits you!
10. But if not, we want to help you today