

Christ the Cornerstone

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 7:24-29*

Introduction:

A. The opposite of “*living hope*” (*1 Peter 1:3*) is **dead resignation**.

B. Dead resignation takes away people's hopes and dreams of change and growth.

I. **God commands us to feel _____, to experience _____.**

A. You don't have to be stuck!

B. But how? The key is in the context (*1 Peter 1:23ff*)

C. Trust in the powerful word of the Lord (*Ephesians 1:15-20*).

D. The word is also powerful for holy demolition (*1 Peter 2:1*).

1. Literally, “get rid of; destroy.”

2. Don't build your life on those faulty foundations!

II. **Build your life on the _____ and _____.**

A. Jesus Christ is the living cornerstone of God.

B. As we come to Him, **we** are being shaped into living stones.

C. Build on this cornerstone, and you will not be put to shame.

D. Build on something else, and all will crumble, causing you to stumble.