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SUNDAY SCHOOL Quarter Summary

From Darkness to Light

- **December 2022: God's Preparation – God works thru the family of John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus**
- **January 2023: God's Promises – God promises to restore His people after discipline for their idolatry**
- **February 2023: God's Call – The Apostles remind believers of the responsibilities of their calling**

SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

God's Call

- **2/5 – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**; God's requirement for calling is not how we judge requirements. He requires those who are humble in spirit but will work with those the world does not consider worthy or wise.
- **2/12 – 2 Timothy 1:3-14**; Paul encourages Timothy to operate in his spiritual gifts, activities and ministry for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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God's Call

- **2/19 – James 2:1 - 12;** God's requirement for calling is to show no favoritism to the rich and influential during worship services and to treat everyone as God's creation.

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Results of The Call

1 Peter 2:1 – 10

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Background

- The Apostle Peter is the author of his epistles 1 and 2 Peter
- He earned his new name 'Peter' (formally Simon) meaning 'Rock' after the resurrection, becoming a bold preacher of the Gospel
- His message at the day of Pentecost formally announced the Gospel to the world (**Acts 2**)

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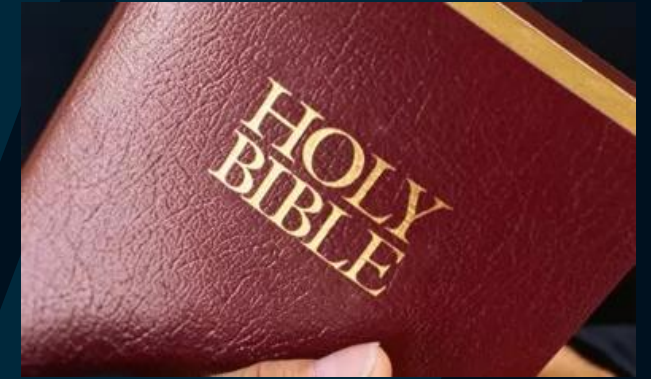
Background

- Peter and the Apostles endured many arrests and beatings for the spreading of the Gospel (**Acts 4:3; 5:17-42; 12:5-18**)
- His first epistle was to the believers mostly spread out of Jerusalem due to persecution (**Acts 12:1-4**)

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Lesson Text

The Chosen Stone and His
Chosen People



1 Peter 2:4-6a (NKJV)

⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

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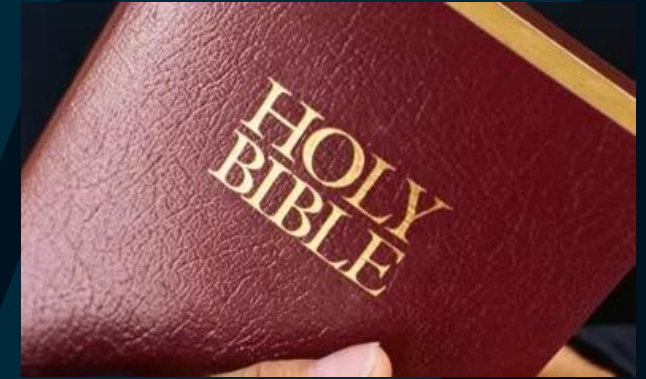
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1 Peter 2:6b-7 (NKJV)

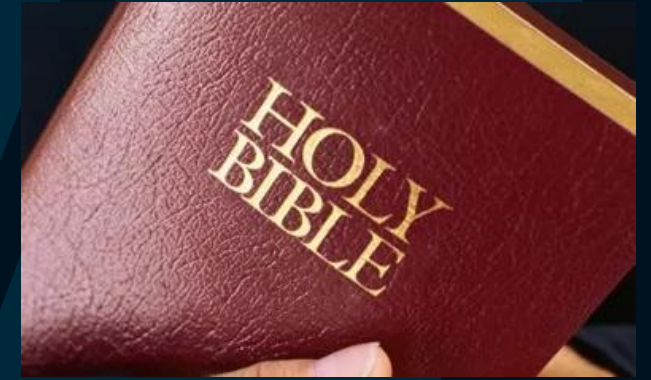
⁶ "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who ^[b]are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

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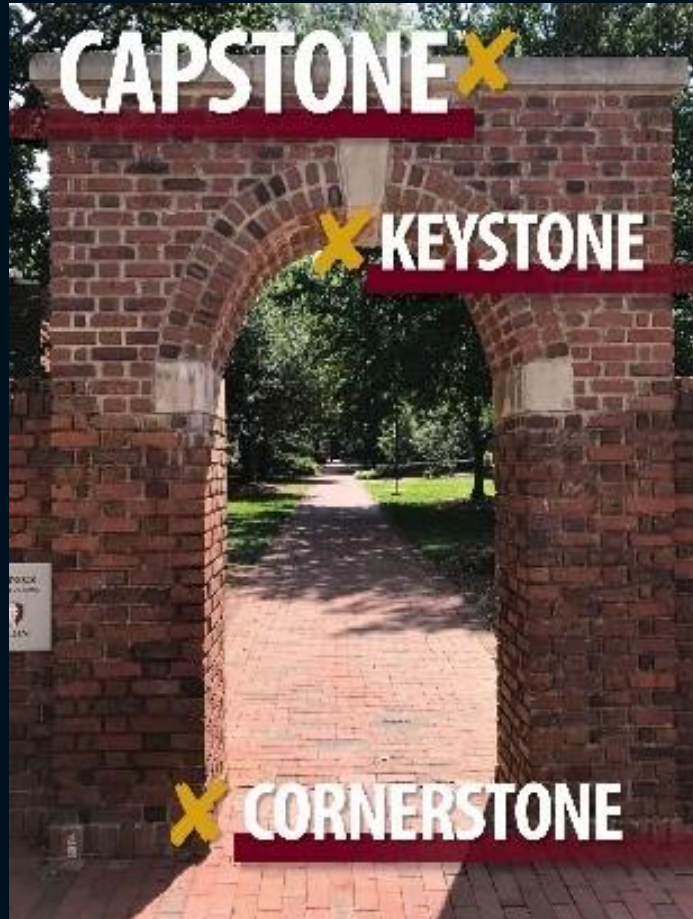
The Chosen Stone and His
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1 Peter 2:8-9a (NKJV)

⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,

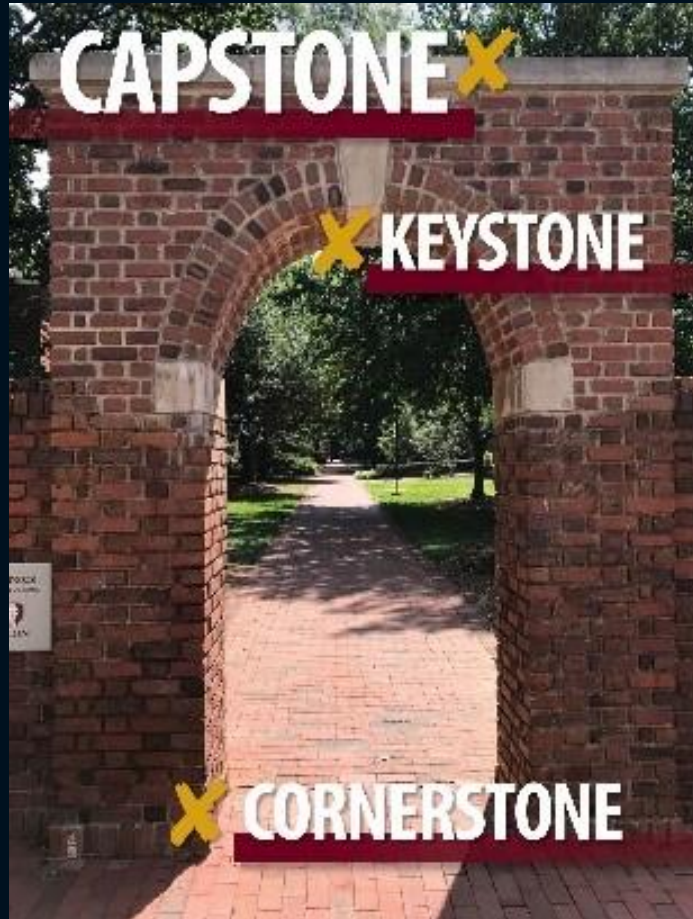
Cornerstones, Keystones, Capstones,



In ancient architecture, the **cornerstone** is the first stone laid in a building and sets the tone for the rest of the structure. Today, it is more a ceremonial mark, or placed symbolically at groundbreakings

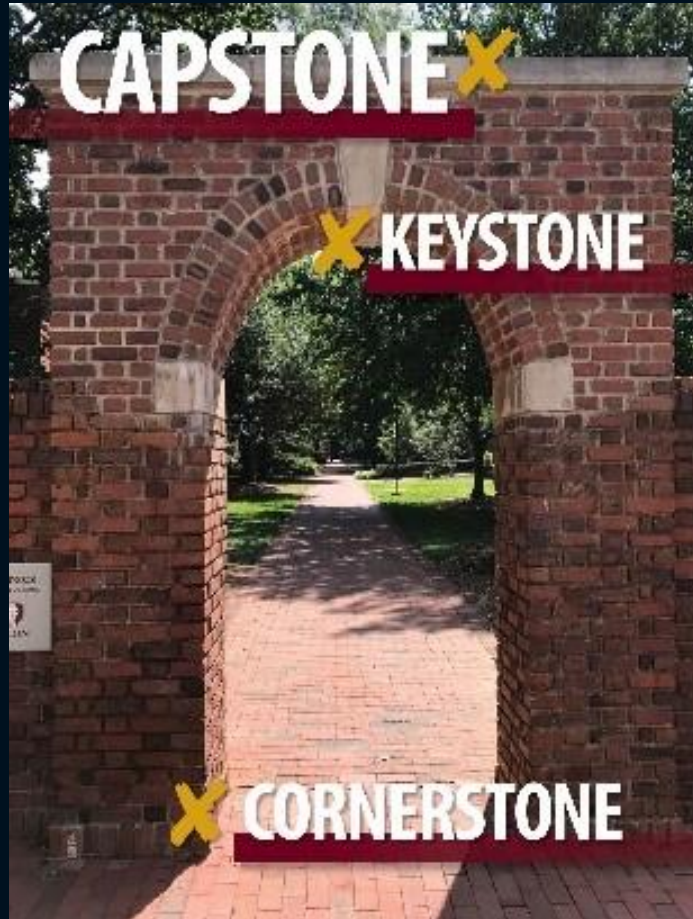


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In ancient architecture, the keystone lays atop an arch structure that supports the entire structure. Without it, the structure would fall, but it bears the least amount of stress

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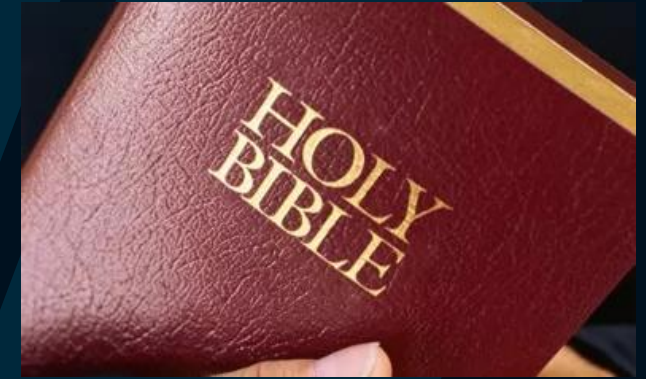


In ancient architecture, the capstone is the final portion, mostly used as decoration, but represents the pinnacle of the achievement, built on the cornerstone and in some cases the keystone.

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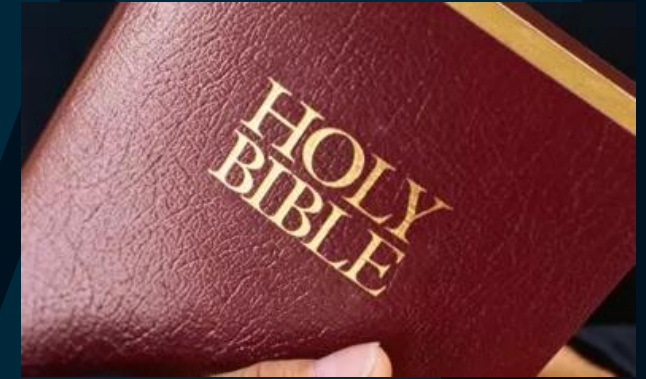
1 Peter 2:9b-10 (NKJV)

⁹ that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

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Our Inheritance Through
Christ's Blood



1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)

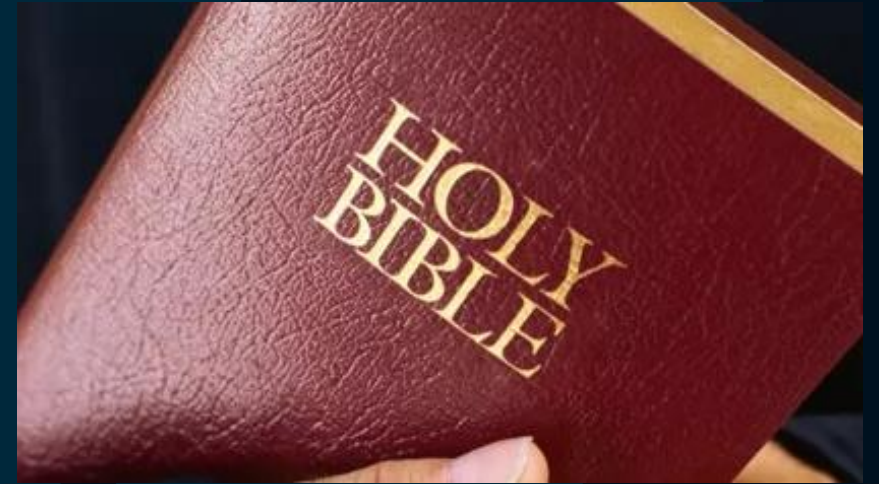
¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow [a]thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

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Scripture References



Isaiah 28:16

Psalms 118:22

**The rejected stone now the
Cornerstone**

Church School Creed & Benediction

CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a **Christian**
Every Christian a **worker**
Every worker **trained**
A worker that **will not be ashamed**
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

BENEDICTION

We have come
We have studied
We have learned
So until our next coming together
To study God's word
May His rich blessings reside with you
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN