

# 1 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 26

## Chapter 10: "THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST"

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### MATTHEW 16:13-16 JESUS CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION STONE

According to this passage (and carefully observing the context and the comments), the FOUNDATION STONE upon which the New Testament Church rests—is your faith, understanding, and public declaration that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God.

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### 1 PETER 2:3-8

THE LIVING STONE, THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE, THE STUMBLING STONE, THE ROCK OF OFFENCE

If you will BELIEVE on Jesus Christ (vss 6-7), He will make you a lively stone (vss 4-5) and place you into the church, which rests upon Him (the Chief Cornerstone).

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-22 THAT SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT FOLLOWED THEM

In this passage, the apostle Paul makes reference to the events which took place in Deuteronomy 32 and makes application "for our admonition" (vs 11).

The children of Israel were redeemed through faith in the word of God (what God said), yet they did not allow God to have control of their lives. Their disobedience was related to **idolatry** (vs 14); a **cup** which they drank from a **table** (vs 21).

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

God has wanted to fellowship with man since the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:8-9, 5:22, 18:33, Ezek 45:17, Heb 2:17). Sin interfered with that fellowship, so God sent His Son to die on the cross to pay for our sins (while we were yet sinners, Rom 5:8) and to restore our fellowship with Him.

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### COMPETITORS FOR OUR ATTENTION AND AFFECTION

The Devil will continually place things of interest in our path to capture our attention and lure us away from God. He wants us to devote so much of our time on worldly interests that we have no time to spend with God. What is your idol (the thing that occupies the time you ought to devote to God)?

Even things that are not sinful (your job, your family, church activities, etc.); if they interfere with your close relationship with God, they have become an idol. You need to get with God and figure out the right balance. Don't get so busy doing things FOR God that you lose touch with Him.

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## DEUTERONOMY 32:1-18

“**Our God**” (vs 3), “**He is the Rock**” (vs 4). “**That Rock was Christ**” (1 Cor. 10:4). The Israelite people continually praised God for His Greatness and His mercy.

It was when “**Jeshurun** (Israel professing righteousness) **waxed fat**” (vs 15) that she began to lose her close fellowship with God. The many blessings of God became the objects of Israel’s devotion instead of God Himself.

- Their “fatness” (abundance of material blessings) caused Israel to **lightly esteem** “**the Rock of his salvation**” (vs 15). Other “things” were treated with more importance than God.
    - Oftentimes it’s the people with fewer material possessions who have the closest relationship with God.
  - Finally, their misguided devotion to material things caused them to be “**unmindful**” of the Rock that begat them. They **forgot** the God that formed them (vs 18).
    - Don’t let your material blessings cause you to forget the God who provided the blessings.
      - Remember that those things are not alive. Don’t let inanimate objects (or your devotion to them) keep you from the living God and provoke Him to Jealousy.
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