

## CHRIST THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE

TEXT: Ephesians 2:17-22, 20

INTRO:

1. Do We Really Honor God the way He deserves to be?
2. We are going to cover why God deserves to be honored

**Ephesians 2:17-22, 20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone

Def. of Cornerstone – basically the most important starting point after foundation is laid from which everything else is built, used Figuratively as the Chief Person which holds & joins Christians together as one (body).

What about the Foundation then?

**1 Cor 3:10-11** No other Foundation than Jesus Christ

**John 14:26** Sends the HS to teach you (apostles) all things  
Father sends HS in Christ's Name

**John 16:13-14** HS leads Apostles into ALL Truth

1 Cor 3:10-11 Since Father sent HS in Christ's Name, the HS Teachings come from Christ thru the Apostles & Prophets...that's why

Hebrews 1:2 ...says in these last days spoken to us by His Son (Christ)

Why is that important that Christ is the Chief Cornerstone?

**Col 1:16-18** - ... All things were created through Him and for Him. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence (1<sup>st</sup> place or superior in importance)

John 14:6 - Jesus is the way, truth & life... (to us is He's everything then)

**I. ALL AUTHORITY - **Matthew 28:18** – in heaven & earth**

If CHRIST has All Authority, How much do we have?

A. KING OF KINGS – **1 Tim 6:15** (Potentate – MIGHTY)

1. Nature of Kings is they give LAWS – Christ is no different Here

a. Covenant, Ordinances, Testament

1. Last Will & Testament - **Heb 9:15-18**

2. Submit to Ordinances - **1 Peter 2:13**

b. 1 Cor 9:21 Paul said he was under Law to Christ

c. Gal 5:22-23 says there is no law BUT its about things generally no one would object to (context Fruit of the Spirit – kindness, gentleness, self-control)

d. Rom 6:14-15 Not under Law But Grace (Context not under law of Moses)

1. What does Grace Teach us - **Titus 2:11-12**

2. Author of Eternal Salvation of Those Who Obey Him – **Heb 5:9**

## B. LAW GIVER

1. Deut 18:15 to **Acts 3:22-24**

2. Jer 31:31 Change in Covenant or Law to **Heb 8:7-13**

3. Matt 5:17, **21-22** Christ starts giving His Law - **Matt 7:28-29** taught with Authority  
If CHRIST Has ALL Authority, KING of KINGS & LAW GIVER, What does this Mean to Us?  
Sounds like we better pay attention to What He Says

### **BUT what else do the Scriptures Say?**

**2 Tim 1:13** HOLD the PATTERN of sound words

**2 Tim 2:15** Rightly Divide His word (there is a wrong way)

How closely do we need to follow his law?

**John 12:48** Says need to receive His words because Judged by them

**John 14:23-24** If Love Him need to keep His words, IF NOT, We Don't love God  
YOU MAY ARGUE - I know Him but I don't need to keep his word

**1 John 2:3-6** Liar if Don't

**Rev 21:8** Liars sent to Lake of Fire – Hell

**CHRIST HAS ALL AUTHORITY, KING OF KINGS & LAWGIVER – these alone make Christ**

**Certainly Worthy of HONOR - What Else Does Scripture Say About Our LORD?**

## II. ALL-POWERFUL (Almighty)

**Rev 19:6** ...For the Lord God Omnipotent (All-Powerful) Reigns

**Col 1:16** ... All things were created through Him and for Him

### A. MASTER OF NATURE

1. Knows what thinking & Why - **Heb 4:12**

### B. MASTER HEALER

1. Matt 4:23 ALL kinds of Sickness & Disease;

2. Luke 9:6 Healing Everywhere

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## III. ALL-KNOWING

**1 John 3:20** For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, & knows all things

### A. MASTER TEACHER

1. John 3:2 - Teacher from God

2. **Col 2:2-3** – ALL the Treasures of wisdom & knowledge are IN CHRIST

### B. KNOWS WHAT IS BEST

1. Gives Us What We Need NOT what we Want – **Matt. 7:7-11**

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## IV. PERFECT CHARACTER

**Phil 2:5-11, 9** God the Father Exalted Jesus above every NAME

### A. PERFECT EXAMPLE

1. John 13:14-15 Washing Feet – given ex, humble self that they should do as Jesus did

2. Luke 19:10 Work – Seek & Save lost

3. **1 Peter 2:21-24** Suffered wrongly & terribly (in connection to us being submissive  
our masters despite how we are treated)

### B. PERFECT SACRIFICE

1. 2 Cor 5:21 – He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us...

2. **1 Peter 2:24** – Healed by his stripes

3. 1 John 2:6 – Christians ought to walk as Christ walked

CONCLUSION:

1. God deserved to be honored because HE IS:

KING OF KINGS

ALL POWERFUL & KNOWING

GAVE ALL US A PERFECT EXAMPLE

SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS

CHANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Eph 2:18 THRU CHRIST WE Have access to the Father

If you aren't a Christian, Will you HONOR HIM by doing what says to become One?

If you aren't faithful Christian, will you honor him by repenting and asking for forgiveness?

Let's HONOR CHRIST just like HE SAYS