

Week of June 14, 2020

Mid-week devotion

Psalm 118 is a great chapter in God's Word. It's the passage I've asked you to read everyday while we at Christ's Church of the Canyon are in our "wandering" mode. It's one of those great "anchor" passages that literally fills us with hope and gratitude to God as we're reminded about how far God has brought us as a church. Psalm 118: 22-23 is one of those passages that seem to come out of nowhere. You know, as you read through the chapter it tends to flow like a babbling brook. Then all-of-a-sudden, *wham* you're literally tripping over verses 22 and 23. Why? Because they don't fit. They seem out of place. But, they're not.

Vs. 22 – The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Cornerstone.

Vs. 23 – This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This passage is specifically talking about Jesus Christ. He's not just a "stone", He's the cornerstone! He's the chief stone of which the whole structure is dependent upon. Crazy thing? God's chosen people, the Israelites rejected the cornerstone (Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10-11). And, guess what? Somehow the whole "rejecting Christ" issue for the Israelites is working out to God's advantage and glory. And the Psalmists response? "It is marvelous in our eyes." The Israelites can reject Him. Unfortunate for them. But not me. I'll welcome Him with open arms!!

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