



Building Upon the Rock

Study of Christ Revealed as the Rock

In ancient days before air travel or air warfare—before automatic weapons, steel, cement, dynamite, or intelligent missiles—rock proved the only firm foundation for shelter, cool refuge from the sun, warm lodging in winter, reliable protection and hiding during war, a weapon for revenge, protection, game hunting—an impenetrable barrier and tripping stone.

Within this ancient culture, Yahweh revealed Himself as The Rock—an immutable foundation, an impenetrable tower of truth for His children; a barrier and stumbling block to those who resisted Him. When Jesus came to earth He embodied this image, becoming the “Chief Cornerstone,” a “Precious, Living Stone,” as well as a “Stone to trip over,” and the “Rock to make men fall.”

In our post-modern world, a cynical culture that trusts no foundation and considers truth inconsistent and moody—where steel supersedes stone and explosives shatter mountain bedrock—how does Jesus continue to reveal Himself as the immutable, trustworthy, infallible, eternal Rock of Ages?

Lesson	Study Passage
#1	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:17-20; I Corinthians 10:1-6
#2	Exodus 33:12-23
#3	Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 106:32-33; Hebrews 6:4-6
#4	Deuteronomy 32
#5	II Samuel 22; Psalm 18
#6	Isaiah 8:13-15; Romans 9:30-33; I Peter 2:6-8
#7	Matthew 16:13-20

Key Scripture:

GOD is bedrock under my feet, the castle in which I live, my rescuing knight. My God—the high crag where I run for dear life, hiding behind the boulders, safe in the granite hideout; My mountaintop refuge, he saves me from ruthless men.

- II Sam 22:2-3 (The Message)

. . . And the Rock was Christ.

- I Corinthians 10:4b (The Message)

To you who trust him, he's a Stone to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust him . . . it's “a stone to trip over, a boulder blocking the way.”

- I Peter 2:7b-8 (The Message)

For each lesson, review and meditate on the designated passage(s), allowing the Holy Spirit's guidance in answering the following questions. Record your insights.

1. What is revealed about the person of Jesus Christ?
2. What is the significance of this revelation in the context of our post-modern culture?
3. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to apply these truths in your daily life?
4. How does the Holy Spirit prompt you to respond to this revelation within your community (family, congregation, business, ministry) as you intentionally build upon the foundation of Christ in the context of our post-modern culture?

