

## THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

### “We Are His Workmanship”

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#### THE TEXT - (Ephesians 2:19-22)

- (19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of **the household of God**,  
(20) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
**Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone**,  
(21) in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into **a holy temple in the Lord**.  
(22) In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**Ps 11:22; 118:22; Is 28:16;**  
**Mt 16:18; 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17; Jn 2:19;**  
**Ac 4:11;**  
**Rom 15:20;**  
**1 Cor 3:7-17; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16;**  
**Gal 6:10; Php 3:20; Col 2:19;**  
**1 Tim 3:5;**  
**Heb 11:13; 12:22,23; 13:14;**  
**1 Pet 2:4-10;**  
**Rev 21:14**

#### STUDY HELPS- Apology of Augsburg Confession Article 12a (5)- Repentance

[39] Furthermore, the Power of the Keys administers and **presents the Gospel** through Absolution, which is the **true voice of the Gospel**. We also include Absolution when we speak of faith, because “faith comes from hearing,” as Paul says in Romans 10: 17. When **the Gospel is heard and the Absolution is heard**, the conscience is encouraged and receives comfort. [40] Because God truly brings a person to life through the Word, the Keys truly forgive sins **before God**. According to Luke 10: 16, “The one who hears you hears **Me**.” Therefore, the voice of the one absolving must be believed no differently than we would believe a voice from heaven.

[41] **Absolution** can properly be called a Sacrament of repentance, as even the more learned scholastic theologians say. [42] Meanwhile, in temptations this faith is nourished in a variety of ways: through the declarations of **the Gospel** and the use of the Sacraments. For these are signs of the New Testament, that is, signs of the forgiveness of sins. They offer the forgiveness of sins as **the words of the Lord’s Supper** clearly testify, “This is My body, which is given for you. This is the cup of the New Testament,” and so on. (See Matthew 26: 26, 28.) So faith is conceived and strengthened through Absolution, through the hearing **of the Gospel**, through the use of the Sacraments, so that it may not give in to the terrors of sin and death while it struggles. [43] This method of repentance is plain and clear. It increases the worth of the Power of the Keys and of the Sacraments. **It illumines Christ’s benefit and teaches us to make use of Christ as Mediator and the Atoning Sacrifice.**

## HYMNODY AND LITURGY ABOUT CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE

### 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1

Christ is our **cornerstone**,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

### 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

2

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief **cornerstone**.

### 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and **cornerstone**,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.

### Verse

Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,  
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being **the cornerstone**. Alleluia.

### When laying the cornerstone of a church

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, You alone are the firm foundation and **chief cornerstone** of Your Church, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. Be also the beginning, continuance, and completion of this our undertaking, that it may serve the glory and praise of Your holy name. Hear us, O Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

### Easter 7—Thursday

Lord Jesus, You are the stone that the builders rejected. But on the third day, You became **the cornerstone**. By Your Word and Spirit, open our hearts to receive You as the beloved Son sent from the Father so that we might always embrace suffering as the means by which we enter into Your glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Proper 9 (Year C)

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as **the cornerstone**. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### LIFE APPLICATION:

What does it mean in our daily lives that our cornerstone is Christ and not the things of this world?