

GCFSM SUNDAY

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JESUS THE CORNERSTONE

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Today, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The resurrection is the core foundation of our Christian faith. Without the resurrection, our preaching about Christ is in vain, our faith in Christ is in vain, and our hope in Christ is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)!

Jesus Christ suffered a grueling death on the Cross on Good Friday. According to Scriptures and many first-hand witnesses, He resurrected from the grave after being dead for three days. It was God the Father who raised Jesus Christ from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit in His imperishable, immortal, and glorious body. He is the Risen Lord whose body is no longer subjected to decay and corruption. And He is now seated at the right hand of the Father (1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Romans 8:11; Ephesians 1:19-20; Acts 2:31; 13:30-31, 34-39; Mark 16:19; Luke 22:69).

The New Testament records the crucial and eternal implications of Christ's resurrection. It authenticates Christ as the Son of God (Romans 1:3-4); it affirms Christ is victorious over death (1 Corinthians 15:55-57; Revelation 1:17-18); it asserts Christ secures our salvation (Romans 4:25); and it attests to Christ's guarantee of our

living hope (1 Peter 1:3-5).

In Acts 4:8-12, the Apostle Peter declares that Jesus Christ is the stone that was rejected by the Jews. His rejection led to His death on the cross. But God turned Christ's rejection into His exaltation at the resurrection by making Him the Cornerstone! The idea of Jesus Christ being the Cornerstone was quoted from Psalm 118:22.

Aside from this passage in Acts, the term "cornerstone" was quoted by Jesus Christ to refer to Himself in the Parable of the Vineyard (Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17). It was also used by the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:6-8 to refer to Jesus Christ as the Cornerstone who builds up those who come to Him. On the other hand, the Apostle Paul referred to Jesus Christ as the Cornerstone in whom the church is held and being built up together (Ephesians 2:19-22).

In this sermon, we will learn the implications of what it means for Jesus Christ to be the Cornerstone of the Church and His resurrection to be the cornerstone of our faith. ✱



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RESURRECTION HOPE**
Peculiar Men's Fellowship
Edifying Ministry
April 15, 2023 | 8:00 AM
Speaker: Rev. Dong Villatito
- **WOMEN OF GRACE**
Edifying Ministry
Fellowship Schedule:
 1. Face-to-face Fellowship - every 2nd Tuesday of the month
 2. Online fellowship via Zoom - every 4th Tuesday of the month
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