

# ROCK-N-ROLL SPIRITUALITY

Joint-Service with Hillside & Transformation

Pastor Harold Long

May 7, 2023 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

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## FOUR THINGS MUST HAPPEN IF YOU WANT ROCK-N-ROLL SPIRITUALLY.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ get rid of all \_\_\_\_\_.
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3. We \_\_\_\_\_ get rid of all \_\_\_\_\_.
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*<sup>4</sup> Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective, it is chosen, valuable. <sup>5</sup> You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Thus, it is written in Scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed. 1 Peter 2:4-6 (CEB).*

## LET'S DEFINE A LIVING STONE

- A living stone is a \_\_\_\_\_, coupled with \_\_\_\_\_, and joined with the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Living Stones are \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and place their lives upon this \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>19</sup> So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. <sup>20</sup> As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22 (CEB).*

*<sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! <sup>12</sup> Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved." Acts 4:11-12 (CEB).*

*<sup>24</sup> "Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. <sup>26</sup> But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed." Matthew 7:24-27 (CEB).*

## PREDESTINATION OR CHOICE

*<sup>7</sup> So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. <sup>8</sup> This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. <sup>10</sup> Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:7-10 (CEB).*

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