

Living Stones

“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.” 2 Corinthians 6:17

We tend to live in this world of ‘new’; new ideas, new improvements, new expressions, new design, new fashion, new technology... No matter how ‘new’ something is, the fact remains the things of this world belong to old ways that keep us from NEW & EVERLASTING LIFE! The message of the Gospel is the only thing in this world that is always NEW!

“Behold, I make all things new.” Revelation 21:5

“Avert me eyes from what is worthless; by your way give me life.” Psalms 119:37

Unless we are willing to put God first in our lives we can never be a part of what is truly the latest and greatest. But this means dying to our desires and the empty promises of this world, it means taking a risk and trusting fully in God. So what does it mean to die to yourself, and how does one go about doing so?

**“Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, insincerity, envy, and all slander...Come to him a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...”
1 Peter 2: 1, 4-5**

Allow God to build in you the greatest joy, the greatest message that never grows old. Let Him transform your orderly day to day life. Let Him shake up that which is ordinary for that which is extraordinary. Your days may not always be filled with joy and happiness, some will still be sad and hard to deal with, but they will never be empty of a love that is far greater than any bad day. So this way of life is only for certain people right? NO this is YOUR LIFE...the life that God created for you to LIVE!

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...” Colossians 3: 12-17

Jesus, I don't always know what to say or how to respond to those around me. Sometimes I feel as though I'm all alone just trying to fit in, just trying to feel loved. You promise that if I live my life for you and become a living stone of faith, then You create in me a fire so bright that even the darkest night will be bright as day. Deep down I know this is true, but I don't always feel your presence when I need it most. Help me to trust that you are here with me, even when I feel lost and alone. Jesus, rain down your love on me and dissolve away all hurt and pain till there's nothing left, not even the stain. Teach me to love as you love, today, tomorrow & always. Amen.