

## November 19

**Psalm 118: 22: The stone *which* the builders refused, the same is become the head *stone* of the corner.**

There is an old story which has been passed down through the ages. Whether it is true, or not, we do not know. But it is a good illustration. The story goes that when Solomon's temple was being built, amongst the stones was one that the builders could not make fit anywhere in the building. They tried it here then there then another place. But it was so different than the other stones it would not fit any place that they tried to place the stone. Finally they became so vexed they threw it to the side.

Many years passed. The walls went up little by little. Over the years, moss began to grow over the stone which lay to the side. No one acknowledged it. If they did, they despised it when they remembered the trouble that the stone gave them. Year after year rolled by but the old stone was never used by the builders.

Finally, the temple was almost finished. It was nearing the time for the crowds to gather to see the grand sight, the new temple. The builders only needed the top cornerstone. But there was a problem. There were no more stones. Then someone said, "Perhaps the stone which the builders refused is the head-stone of the corner." So they hoisted the stone to the top of the house. Sure enough it fit right into place. The crowd began to shout with amazement, "The stone which the builders refused has become the head-stone of the corner."

Whether God moved in men to bring that story to pass then preserved the saying in the scriptures for us may or may not be the case. But it illustrates the treatment Christ received and still receives on this earth. Christ was refused of the builders, that is, his own countrymen after the flesh and is still refused by sinners today when they hear the gospel. Yet, when Christ finished the work of redemption God was so satisfied in Christ that he raised him to be Head of the church. When God finishes gathering together, in one, all things that are in heaven and in earth in Christ then Christ shall be the glorious consummation of all things. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, "the stone which the builders refused, the same is become the head-stone of the corner." Sinner, do not refuse him. Bow to him today and give him glory that you were able to do so.