

AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST - 1Cor10:4

And the LORD said unto Moses, ... Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. Exodus17:5,6

From before the beginning of time, in eternity, Almighty God determined to save a multitude of the human race from the eternal condemnation of their sin in time. He stood, he rested his glory, upon the Rock which was Christ the Son (Exodus17:6; 1Cor10:4) and *first trusted* him (Eph1:12) to glorify the Godhead in saving his people.

God the Son came down to earth as the Manna, bread of life, from heaven in a body prepared, a body of flesh and blood like the children chosen in him. In this body he who is God died and shed precious blood as the ransom price for sin (Acts20:28) fulfilling the type pictured by Moses smiting the Rock at Horeb with the rod of law and justice. At Calvary the God-Man, the Rock, the Chief Corner Stone of his people's salvation, was *smitten of God and afflicted... for his people's transgressions (Isaiah53:4,5).*

The smitten Rock at Horeb gushed forth water to quench the thirst of the multitude of Israel in its wilderness journey to the Promised Land, and Christ our Rock gives *rivers of living water (his Spirit) to those who believe on him* in this world (John7:38,39).

Thus God is eternally glorified for his glory is seen supremely in the display of his sovereign grace accomplishing salvation for the multitude chosen by him alone (Exodus33:19). What a glorious, Solid Rock, is our God manifest in Christ Jesus! No wonder that heaven is eternally filled with his praise.

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RIVERS OF LIVING WATER - JOHN7:38,39

Here opens to our view the LORD JESUS, in his manifestations to his church and people. Paul's authority under the HOLY GHOST is enough to certify the point, *this rock* (Exodus17:6) he tells us expressly *was CHRIST*, 1Cor10:4. And here we behold the first openings of that river, whose streams ever since hath *made glad the city of GOD (Psalm46:4).* With what rapture is this event spoken of and referred to, in the after ages of the church? ... But how sweet is this blessed subject spiritually considered. GOD our FATHER hath given us this rock, CHRIST JESUS: and it hath pleased him that *in him should all fulness dwell.* And are not all the graces of the HOLY GHOST like rivers of living water, flowing to us in and through CHRIST JESUS? John7:38,39; 4:14.

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THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REDEMPTION

The ultimate end or goal of redemption is not the happiness, well-being, or even conversion of sinners, BUT THE GLORY OF GOD (Eph1:6,12,14). Man's comfort and safety is not the supreme goal of God's glorious gospel, rather it is the glory of God, the establishment of His rule and reign over a kingdom of peace and righteousness, the exaltation and manifestation of His character, and the preeminence of His beloved Son. Our salvation will serve that purpose *to the glory of God* (Phil. 2:6-11). Everything in covenant mercies, in salvation, and in God's purpose for the sons of men (past, present, and future) turns upon the will of God in Christ. This makes CHRIST THE PRINCIPAL FIGURE in our gospel, our goals, and our glory, NOT MAN and his well-being. "*Let God be true and every man a liar! (Rom3:4)*"

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Sunday 6th September 2026

10:30 am (GMT+1h) Service

Exodus 17:1-7

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Matthew 7:24-27

551 to 482

W Gadsby

1 Jesus Christ, the sinner's Friend,
Loves his people to the end;
And that they may safe abide,
He's the Rock in which they hide.

2 As a rock, he guards them well
From the rage of sin and hell.
Such a rock is Christ to me,
I am safe, though thousands flee!

3 Sheltered in his wounded side,
Now no ill can me betide;
From the tempest covered o'er;
One with him for evermore.

Prayer

1 Corinthians 10:1-23

Prayer

1106 to Solid Rock

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1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand x2*

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

3 His oath, his covenant, and his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

5 When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Refrain

Sermon

447 to 348

J Hart

1 Pity a helpless sinner, Lord,
Who would believe thy gracious word,
But own my heart, with shame and grief,
A sink of sin and unbelief.

2 Lord, in thy house I read there's room,
And, venturing hard, behold I come;
But can there, tell me, can there be
Amongst thy children room for me?

3 I eat the bread, and drink the wine;
But oh! my soul wants more than sign!
I faint unless I feed on thee,
And drink the blood as shed for me.

4 For sinners, Lord, thou cam'st to bleed;
And I'm a sinner vile indeed;
Lord, I believe, thy grace is free,
O magnify that grace in me.

All who by God-given faith *discern the Lord's broken body and shed blood* as that which has satisfied divine justice to secure their eternal inheritance are welcome to partake of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him. "Let a man examine himself" (1Cor11:28) to assess if that is your sincere testimony. If not, then please do not take the bread and wine.