



**I Peter 2:7-8 The Division of Sanctification**

There is an inevitable contrast and conflict that every believer must acknowledge and accept. It is the division between the believer and the unbeliever.

**1. The Believer**

- a. The reader, presumed to be the believer, is expected to compensate for the division. *Unto you*
- b. To the believer Christ is precious. *Unto you which believe he is precious*
  - 1) Because you have trusted Him. *which believe*
  - 2) Because of all that has just been stated. *therefore*

**2. The Unbeliever**

- a. He is willfully and perversely unbelieving. *but unto them which be disobedient*
- b. He views Christ as an unworthy reject. *the stone which the builders disallowed*
- c. He has chosen to make Christ His enemy.
  - 1) Thoughts of Christ provoke him to rebellion.  
*the same is made the head of the corner*
  - 2) His rebellion against Christ drives him to false philosophies of life.  
*And a stone of stumbling*
  - 3) His rebellion against Christ drives him to hatred. *and a rock of offence*
- d. His hatred of God's Word constantly brings him to failure.  
*even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient*
- e. He has chosen to belong to the group that is predestined to failure.  
*whereunto also they were appointed*

*Jesus is the blessed channel of communication between the fullness of God,  
and the thirsty waste of human need.*