

# **The Cornerstone**

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## **Key Text**

1 Peter 2:4-8

The vision defines where New Generation City Church is headed and the values are the methodology used to achieve the vision.

### *Jesus First*

- Matt 28:17 – Don't presume that everyone inside the church is saved.
- 1 Peter 2

Psalm 118 – The stone rejected became the cornerstone. The analogy applies to Jesus, who was initially rejected by his contemporaries, but later, he became the most important element in our relationship with God.

Jesus was God (John 1:1) and this is a crucial aspect to understanding who Jesus was. He came to Earth as a human, yet Jesus was still divine. Eg. Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before he was arrested, showed that he was simultaneously human and God.

The gift of salvation is free and we have a new covenant with God.

### **How will you know that Christ is first in your life?**

- Prayer? Amount of bible reading? These 'works' do not conclusively demonstrate that Christ is the cornerstone in our lives.
- Freedom – whom the Son sets free, is free indeed (John 8:36).
- Grace – this is the opposite of legalism. Often the church emphasizes rules and regulations, however Jesus prioritised grace. Rules will not set someone free. Giving grace requires having grace within. Be graceful with others, just as God has been graceful with you.