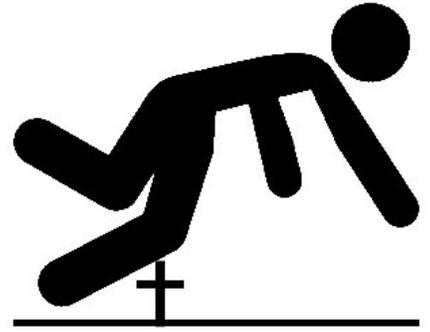


“Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the Stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the Head of the corner, And [a Stone of stumbling](#), and a Rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” 1 Peter 2:7-8 KJV



The largest diamond in the world is just another stone without light. If stepped upon by a blind man, it would simply cause stumbling and pain. It's value would be meaningless unless he were told, and even then, he would have no way to verify it without sight. Light is meaningless to the blind. It might as well not exist. Jesus Christ is the “*Rock of Salvation*” to those who believe and a “*Rock of Offence*” to unbelievers. They read, misinterpret, and stumble at the Word of God, not having the necessary Light of understanding provided by the “*Spirit of Truth*” who will guide believers into all Truth. You can't believe God's Word without the Light of revelation provided by the Holy Spirit, but to everyone to whom the God's Word comes, the Holy Spirit of God will convince “*of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*” The Word of God will either convince you or condemn you! To reject God's Word is to reject God, Himself, offering to you the free gift of faith and eternal life thereby! Jesus is the “*Word made flesh [who] dwelt among us.*” He told us, Himself, “*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*” To those who trust and believe, Jesus “*is precious*” beyond rubies or diamonds, because HE IS GOD! But those who reject His gift of sight remain in darkness, simply finding His Word a painful obstacle to their path! Jesus, God's Word, becomes a hated “*Stone of Stumbling!*” Whenever you are convinced of a sin by the Holy Spirit's revelation of God's Word and you balk, your unbelief has just put back on the blindfold of sin's darkness! Satan will “*blind the minds of THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT.*” You will continue on in stumbling pain and ultimately the Lake of Fire unless you admit/confess your sin to God and repent, that is, return to the obedience of God's Word. If you cannot “see” what God's Word means, it is, because you are an unbeliever! Men are not born on their way to Heaven. “*He that believeth on [Jesus] is not condemned: but he that believeth not is CONDEMNED ALREADY, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And this is the condemnation, that Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil.*” Jesus is the only “*Way!*” The unpardonable sin is unbelief, because it proclaims the Holy Spirit a liar, making His work satanic! Jesus said “*All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*” Unbelief is eternally damning blasphemy!

A stumbling stone to sinful men,
Offending them, because of sin,
Still, Christ forgives the penitent,
Who kneel before Him and repent. ~CGP

Do you think of God's Word, Jesus Christ, as a priceless gem, or is He just an irritation in YOUR chosen way? “*No man can serve two masters! Servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.*” It's either your way or God's Way! Those who trust God wholly, find Him wholly true! What are you trusting for your eternity beyond the grave? Your own wisdom or God's Word?

“This is the Stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the Head of the corner. Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:11-12 KJV