



# Cornerstone Prison Church

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious **cornerstone**, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. 1 Peter 2:4-6

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EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

## ALIVE IN CHRIST

All too often the assumption of people today is that nothing good comes out of prisons. But that is only an assumption. The prisons today are a lot like our small cities now. There are the strong and weak, the young and old, the big and small, and the good and bad.

Christ asks us to see the person and not the action or sin they have done. The person who is convicted of a crime may rightly be incarcerated, but haven't we all done wrong and sinned in God's eyes. No one sin is worse than another in God's eyes it is still sin. I guess we all fall short on the bad side of a bad-good list.

But, if we are in Christ and we confess those sins, they can and will be forgiven. 1 John 1:9 says just that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." But what else do we need to do? We need to have a changed heart and if we are in Christ our hearts will be changed. Have you seen a person who has been changed through being alive in Christ?

Those changes in people are seen in the prison at Cornerstone Prison Church. You can witness that change of heart happening in the people who are incarcerated in this small city called a prison. This poem speaks well of the change of heart in Christ, written by an attendee at Cornerstone.

### **Tears from my eyes**

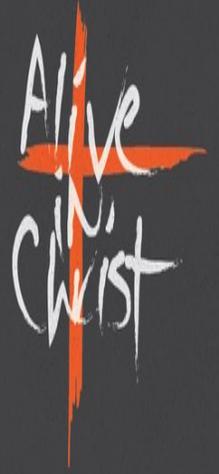
Tears fall from my eyes  
Through you I see past the devil's lies  
I feel the wetness upon my cheek  
Your Love my Lord  
Overpowers the darkness in me.  
I am not perfect, in fact far from it  
Yet Jesus grabs me,  
He pulls me near  
I break down and weep  
As he calls me Son.  
Tears fall from my eyes  
Because I feel the warmth  
From his heavenly sky  
Thank you Lord for your grace  
That brings me tears  
Cleaning my eyes  
So that I may see  
Tears fall from my eyes  
Cleaning away the dirt of sin  
Crumbling the wall  
That keeps me from  
Letting Jesus in. - C.

## Who Are You

Who are you to judge me and to laugh in my face?  
We're supposed to be brothers as we endure this horrible place.  
Life is already hard enough, your constant put downs don't help.  
Words do truly hurt, can you imagine how I felt?  
When you pushed me to the ground and walked away,  
Not caring how I hurt, even when you heard me say,  
Why do you target the weak? Is it because you think you can?  
Who are you to judge me? You think this makes you a man?  
One day you will be in my shoes, and you'll be the one on the ground,  
Being judged by our Heavenly Father. Don't you start crying now.  
You had an opportunity to change and to live a better life,  
But you chose to put people down, and to not do right.  
So ask yourself "Who are you to judge me?"  
Can't you see we're not very different, you're just like me.  
Who are you?

Written by - A.

*This poem was written by an inmate.*



### Prayer requests:

- ◆ Pray for the Ambassador board and the process of finding a new pastor or pastors.
- ◆ Pray for the men, as the prison is now opened up, for all the new relationships that are being formed.
- ◆ Lift up the lives of all the men at the SDSP. Each one has his own unique concerns, needs and each one needs Christ in a real way.

Want to meet men who are seeking to live everyday for Christ  
It's easy...Join us for a worship!  
Contact Jean to schedule a date that works for you. We need to have at least 2 weeks notice to get the paperwork completed; then come and be blessed.

Our email address is:  
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