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Christ, Our Spiritual Rock.

⇒ **Text:** 1 Cor. 10:4

⇒ **Intro:**

○ This morning we want to see four ways in which the Lord Jesus Christ is our Spiritual Rock.

⇒ 1. Christ is our **Rock of Redemption**

○ **See 2 Sam. 22:47**

○ A. Christ is the door by which we enter into salvation

• Acts 4:12

• John 10:9

○ B. When we repent of our sins and believe unto salvation, everything becomes new.

• We are changed - 2 Cor. 5:17

○ C. It is through the blood of Christ that we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.

○ D. The moment a person believes on Christ, Christ –

• Literally washes him from his sin with His blood – Rev. 1:5

• Cleansing his soul from all sin – 1 John 1:7

• Supplying him with eternal redemption – Rom. 3:24 & Heb. 9:12

• Redeemed from the curse of the Law – Gal. 3:13

⇒ 2. Christ is our **Rock of Restoration**

○ **See Isa. 32:2**

• “a man” reference to Christ

• Notice what Christ liken to – “as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land”

○ A. Christ is the Christian's protection.

• When the storms of life are raging He is our rock in whose shelter we can safely hide.

○ B. Christ is the Christian's rest.

• When we become exhausted by the hurry and scurry of our busy times, we can find healing through prayer and the promises found in His Word

• **See Psalm 37:7**

○ C. Christ restores our strength in time of need.

• He is the rock of restoration to those who trust Him completely

• **See Psalm 23:3**

⇒ 3. Christ is our **Rock of Resolution**

○ **See Psalm 40:2**

○ A. Many Christians are undependable.

• They are up and down, in and out.

• You never know where to find them.

○ B. Christ wants us to be established

• **See 1 Peter 5:10**

○ C. When we give God first place in our lives and trust Him implicitly, He enables us to make the right choices.

○ D. When we are determined to live for Christ, He establishes our lives and keeps us from falling.

• **Mt. 7:24-27.**

• **See Prov. 3:5-6.**

⇒ 4. Christ is our **Rock of Rejoicing**

○ **See Isa. 42:11**

○ A. Some Christians mar their testimony by wearing long, unhappy faces.

• They fail Christ, for He expects us to witness and work for Him joyfully here on earth.

○ B. Christians who are forgiven, cleansed, and on their way to heaven should be the happiest people on earth

• **See Psalm 37:4.**

○ C. If Christ is our rock of rejoicing here below, we shall also rejoice with Him in the life to come, for He is the “Rock of Ages.”

⇒ **Conclusion:**

○ Many centuries before Christ walk the earth Moses said about our “Rock”

• In Deut. 32, we have Moses' song which sets forth the perfections of God.

• V. 4 – Moses says about God “He is the Rock”

• V. 15 – Moses say that God is “the Rock of his salvation”

• V. 18 – Moses tells the children of Israel that is God that created them – “the Rock that begat thee”

- V. 31 – Moses compares the God with the gods of Israel's enemies when he says, "For their rock (small "r") is not as our Rock (big "R")."
- The Apostle Paul reminds us that Christ is the Spiritual Foundation on which each Christian is build upon when he says – **See 1 Cor. 3:11-12.** ^{^to}
- As Christians we need to rejoice today and ever day that Christ is our:
 - Rock of Redemption
 - Rock of Restoration
 - Rock of Resolution
 - Rock of Rejoicing!