

Angularis fundamentum
Christ Is Our Cornerstone

John Chandler

1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on whom alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.
2. With psalms and hymns of praise
this holy place shall ring;
our voices we will raise,
the Three in One to sing,
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious Name.
3.
Here, gracious God, draw near
and move among us now;
receive each fervent prayer,
accept each faithful vow,
and more and more
on all who pray
each holy day
your blessings pour.
4. Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

Inspiration: "Angularis fundamentum", from "Urbs Beata Jerusalem", ca. 7th cent.
Lyrics: 66.66.4444; John Chandler, 1806-1876, in his "Hymns of the Primitive Church", 1837.