

Application

1. Building your life on a strong foundation means giving attention and priority to Jesus' words

2. Building your life on a strong foundation requires submission and obedience to Jesus' words

Jesus Exposes False Foundations

Matthew 7:24-27 | May 23, 2021

Warnings and Promises

Hearers and Doers

Titus 3:5 "[God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy..."

2 Timothy 1:9 "[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began."

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

1 John – Evidences of a True Believer

1:7 – “...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

2:3 – “And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.”

2:6 – “By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

2:17 – “And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

2:29 – “If you know that [Jesus] is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”

3:10 – “By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.”

3:14 – “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.”

3:24 – “Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him...”

4:7 – “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

James 1:18-25

¹⁸“Of [God’s] own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

1. God’s word saves our souls

2. God’s word continues to expose our sin

3. Hearing without doing is deceiving

“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless.” (1:26)

