

Getting Ready for Eternity: The Foundations on Which to Build On

Psa 102:25-27 ²⁵ Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens *are* the work of Your hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but You will endure; yes, they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. ²⁷ But You *are* the same, and Your years will have no end.

Introduction

Psa 11:3 If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

1. The Bible—the Word of God

A. *It is enlightening*

Psa 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

B. *It is indestructible*

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

1 Pet 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

C. *It is divinely inspired*

2 Pet 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Tim 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. Jesus Christ—the Living Rock

1 Cor 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Psa 89:26 He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matt 7:24-27 ²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

A. *Get the past cleared*

2 Cor 7:9-11 ⁹ Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. ¹¹ For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what* clearing of yourselves, *what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

B. All doubts laid aside

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

C. Immediate (not procrastinated) obedience

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

3. Holiness of heart and outward life

A. What is holiness of heart?

1 Pet 1:16 because it is written, "*Be holy, for I am holy.*"

B. The importance of holiness of heart

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

Eph 5:25-27 ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

C. Holiness of heart is entire sanctification

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4. The witness of the Spirit of God in us

2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Rom 8:15-16 ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

A. The truth of the witness of the Holy Spirit

B. The Holy Spirit provides wisdom from experiences in life

C. The eternal seal of the Holy Spirit

Eph 1:13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Mark 3:28-29 ²⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; ²⁹ but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"—