

No Other Foundation: What Does It Mean to Build Your Life on Jesus Christ?
1 Corinthians 3:10-17

I. Good Foundations

A. Properties of a Good Foundation: Foundations should be constructed to satisfy the following requirements

1. The foundations shall be constructed to sustain the dead and imposed loads and to transmit these to the sub-soil in such a way that pressure on it will not cause settlement which would impair the stability of the building or adjoining structures.
 - a. *In other words, it has to bear the full weight of the building it supports without sinking*
2. Foundation base should be rigid so that differential settlements are minimised, specially for the case when super-imposed loads are not evenly distributed.
 - a. *In other words, it has to be solid enough to support an unbalanced building.*
3. Foundations should be taken sufficiently deep to guard the building against damage or distress caused by swelling or shrinkage of the sub-soil.
 - a. *In other words, the foundation has to be deep enough to be unaffected by weather.*
4. Foundations should be so located that its performance may not be affected due to any unexpected future influence.
 - a. *In other words, don't build your house on a fault line your foundation can't absorb.*

B. Successful foundations require careful consideration

1. Paul draws attention to the foundation for life and faith the Corinthians have adopted: Jesus Christ
 - a. He is the master builder, but just the builder
 - b. What matter is that Christ is the foundation
 - (1) He has not built them up on a base of public opinion
 - (2) He has not built them up on a base of worldly wisdom
 - (3) He has not built them up on a base of rhetorical skill
 - (4) He has built them on the commitment, conviction, faith, life, and sacrificial love of the Son of God
2. **Building your life on Jesus deserves even more careful consideration than where you build your house.**
 - a. What does it mean to build your life on Jesus Christ?
 - b. TONIGHT: What makes Jesus the only sure foundation for a godly life?

II. What Does It Mean to Build Your Life on Jesus Christ (Three Implications)

A. It means you have carefully considered who Jesus is and what it means to be a disciple of His because the foundation determines design. vv. 10b-11

1. Foundation determines design
 - a. Square towers can't be supported by circular foundations:
 - (1) no corner support
 - (2) Corners subject to collapse
 - b. Round towers can't be supported by square foundations:
 - (1) only four contact points
 - (2) Sides are subject to collapse

- c. **Foundations require careful consideration.**
- 2. Jesus' parables regarding counting the cost
 - a. **Luke 14:28 (ESV)** *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?*
 - b. Paul: **Philippians 3:8 (ESV)** *Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*
- 3. If you accept Jesus as the foundation for your life,
 - a. he will determine the design of your living and the outcome of your life.
 - b. He will be in control and you will release control to Him
 - (1) "God is my co-pilot!"
 - (2) If God is your co-pilot, you're sitting in the wrong seat!

B. It means you have committed to a live a life under divine scrutiny and subject to divine judgment **vv. 12-14**

- 1. Every life gets judged
- 2. Difference: you are prepared
 - a. God will have the final say over the eternal destiny of every life
 - b. God's verdict will depend on two things
 - (1) Faith in Jesus Christ
 - (2) Faithfulness to Jesus Christ (how you build on the foundation)
- 3. **Every future outcome depends on the foundation upon which you build your life.**

C. It means you have released your life to the be the dwelling place of God in earth where His glory is recognized and affirmed. **vv. 16-17**

- 1. Picture:
 - a. the glory filling the temple
 - b. **2 Chronicles 7:1 (ESV)** *As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.*
- 2. **Hab 2:14** - you are the means by which God accomplishes His mission to fill the earth with the knowledge of His glory
 - a. God anticipates that you will actively seek to know and love His glory
 - b. God anticipates that through you, as you live out your love for Him and experience His love for you, the world will accurately know some aspects of His glory they would not otherwise know.
- 3. **Knowing God's plan for your life molds the way we conduct our lives like a foundation directs the form and function of the building.**

III. The Final Word on a Firm Foundation

A. Paul:

- 1. A successful life of faith is not based on the presenter of the gospel but the subject of the gospel, Jesus Christ
- 2. Given that you have carefully considered Jesus and committed to build you life on Him, live your life in sch a way that proves He is your foundation.

B. Jesus:

- 1. Matthew 7:24-27 Rock or Sand