



Under Construction

- ❖ When it comes to building...A good foundation is everything
- ❖ Jesus knew this was true not just for a physical home or building, but for a spiritual home as well.
- ❖ Matthew caught this too as he penned Jesus' words in Chapter 7 of his Gospel Account.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of

mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

- ❖ We have a part in the pouring of this Spiritual Foundation.
- ❖ This spiritual foundation is poured by the placing your trust...your life...all that you are...all that you have...in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ This build...will cost you.

So to build on **THE** Rock means...

- ❖ To build your life...**ON PURPOSE and FOR A PURPOSE...HIS PURPOSE.**
- ❖ To build your life by...being **ATTENTIVE** to the Father.
- ❖ To build your life from...**HEARING** from the Father.
- ❖ To build your life by...**RESPONDING** to the Father.

- ❖ Are you building your life on the only real lasting foundation or on something else?
- ❖ This brought me to another question...is your building...you know, under construction?
- ❖ If so how are you building, what are you using and whom are you building with?

Paul sheds some light on how this should be done in 1 Cor. 3:1-17...

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. ¹⁵If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

¹⁶Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

How you go about this build...

- ❖ Be Careful...Measure Twice, Cut Once.
- ❖ Use Superior Materials...Get rid of the Garbage.
- ❖ Be Diligent...Keep at it.
- ❖ Use God's Blueprints...No Substitutes.

The Promise of this type of construction...

1 Peter 2:4-6(New International Version)

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."