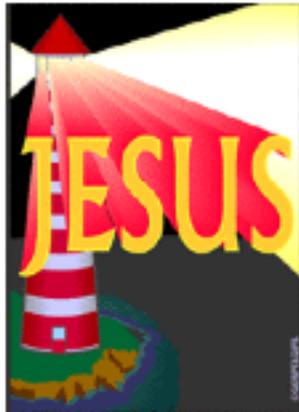


WHAT KIND OF GROUND HAVE YOU BUILT YOUR HOUSE ON?



Whether we will be saved or not all depends on the foundation we have built our life on. There is only ONE firm foundation to build on...the Solid Rock! JESUS! You can know about and believe in Jesus but unless you have repented and pledged your life to Him, and are obeying what the Bible says in every area of your life, you are lost!

It's doesn't matter how many good deeds you have done in Jesus Name! If your heart isn't right Jesus will turn you away and cast you into outer darkness when you die! We have to obey all of the Ten Commandments, all of Jesus sayings and the commandments He gave; and all of the epistles; as we ask for His help in obeying them. We can't do it without Jesus' help, but as we seek His Will and surrender to Him, it will become easier and easier with practice. Jesus said, "IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS!" John 14:15

"If a man LOVE ME, He will KEEP My Words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him!" John 14:23

"He that loveth Me NOT KEEPETH NOT MY SAYINGS: and the Word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me!" John 14:24 (Talk about humble!)

Jesus said, "If you CONTINUE in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed!" "And ye shall KNOW THE TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you FREE!" John 8:31

He loves you more than you can ever imagine in your mind and He will help you with all things. It's very important that you ASK Him for what you need. That's a requirement! He insists that we ask! He most likely won't help until you ask!

On the other hand, if we are living like the world and not obeying His Holy Word and obeying Jesus; we are on dangerous ground just like a slippery slope!

1 John 2:15, 16 says, "Love not the world, neither the THINGS that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." "For all that is in the world, is the lust of the FLESH, and the lust of the EYES, and the PRIDE OF LIFE, is not of the Father, but is of the world!" We can still love the things that we enjoy and the clean things that we take pleasure in but we are to be willing to drop everything and walk away from it ALL to obey what Jesus calls us to do. We have to be separated from sin and submitted unto God!

AND LOVE JESUS MOST OF ALL! Here are some Scriptures related to what I have said:

Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN!"

"Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO THEM: I NEVER KNEW YOU! DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY!" Matthew 7:21-23

Jesus said, "By their fruits shall you know them!" Matthew 7:20

"Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" Matthew 7:16
What are fruits? Fruits of loving and putting Jesus and His Holy Word We need to follow Jesus' example.

FIRST in your life; obeying it and worshipping Jesus always with all of your heart, and obeying the second Great Commandment that is loving your neighbors (everyone) as you love yourself! Mark 12:30, 31

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the First Commandment!"

"And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is NONE other Commandment GREATER THAN THESE!

Further on Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever HEARETH these sayings of Mine, and DOETH them, I will liken Him unto a WISE MAN, which built his house upon a ROCK:" And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and IT FALL NOT! For it was founded on a ROCK!"

"And everyone that HEARETH these sayings of Mine, and DOETH THEM NOT, shall be likened unto a FOOLISH MAN, which built his house upon the SAND!"

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and IT FELL! and GREAT was the FALL OF IT!" Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus graphically describes how the way is:

He said, "ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE! FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN THEREAT!" Matthew 7:13
"BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH TO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT!" 7:14

I don't know about you but I want to find the RIGHT GATE and then enter in and STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH, no matter how difficult it is! I don't care what struggles I have to go through to be with Jesus forever. I am going to FIND THAT GATE! and stay upon the PATH until I reach that Golden Strand! It is guaranteed to be filled with trials and heartache but they all help us to grow in Him and get us ready to join Him in Heaven! None of what we go through is WASTED! All our problems and suffering is there for a reason! And Jesus will bring something good out of everything we go through when we love Him and make His Will for our life, our First Priority! "And we know that all things work together for good to them that LOVE GOD, to them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 Hebrews 13:5 "Let your conversation (conduct) be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE!"

When we want HIS WILL and not OUR WILL for our lives! We follow Jesus example. He obeyed and prayed for His Father's Will to be done, putting His own wishes aside. He was even willing to die for our sins despite the unspeakable agony He would have to go through; the torture, the shame, having all our sins laid upon Him and Him feeling like His Father had forsaken Him! God may have turned His face away in pain, but God didn't forsake His Son! Never! Jesus said that His Father was always with Him.

I ASK YOU, CAN WE DO ANY LESS BUT GIVE OUR ALL TO HIM, AND ASK HIM TO BEND US TO HIS WILL?

If you go to Him and just entreat Him BEND ME, OH, BEND ME, OH, LORD TO DO WITH MY LIFE WHAT YOU CHOOSE. I'M NOT IMPORTANT! ONLY WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH IN MY LIFE IS IMPORTANT TO ME! IF YOU DO THAT HE WILL TAKE YOUR PRAYER AND WILL DO THAT VERY THING! HE WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE AND LEAD YOU AND GIVE YOU MORE JOY THAN YOU CAN CONTAIN!

It's a great pleasure to obey and follow Jesus. It may seem hard at first but with practice, it will become easier and easier! As He does what you ask and BEND YOU TO HIS WILL, you won't want to do anything else but follow in His Ways every day and be guided by His loving Hand!

You won't even want to hurt His Feelings if you love Him with all of your heart! And He has a very tender heart! He won't force Himself on anyone! He gives each one of us a choice whether to receive His Salvation or not and whether we will continue on and follow Him all our life; in the words of the Bible; "But he that ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED!"

Matthew 10:22

There was a GREAT REVIVAL in Wales years back and they had one prayer: BEND ME, OH, LORD! BEND ME, OH, LORD! BEND ME!

If you say nothing else to Jesus, He will take that fervent prayer and He will lead you unto quiet waters and you will find rest for your soul, as you keep foremost in your mind the Cross and what He has accomplished for you there!

There is no greater love than this, that He joyfully gave His pure, innocent, precious blood for our sins:

"Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; WHO for the JOY that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2

There is no greater sacrifice than this! We can't save ourselves. We are BORN IN SIN. Psalms 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me!"

We can't save ourselves by being good and doing good deeds: "But we are all as an UNCLEAN THING, and all our righteousnesses are as FILTHY RAGS; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away!" Isaiah 64:6

IT'S NOT WHAT WE HAVE DONE THAT WILL SAVE US! IT'S WHAT HE HAS DONE AT THE CROSS! THIS SHOULD BE OUR FOUNDATION: ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK WE STAND! ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND!!

WHAT A PRICE JESUS HAS PAID SO THAT WE MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE! LET US NOT TURN DOWN HIS GRACIOUS GIFT AND WASTE IT!

Thank you for letting me share the Awesome Love of Jesus with you!

