

# **Building your life on Christ**

**Matthew 7:23-29**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them. . . - Matthew 5:1-2

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ 24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

- Matthew 7:21-29



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**Main idea of the parable:**

If Jesus' words are true, then we will live differently.

Matt 7:13-14:

**Two paths we walk:** The wide gate and the broad road to destruction vs the small gate and the narrow path to salvation. (entrance)

Matt. 7:15-20:

**Two guides we follow:** Bad tree and bad fruits and good tree and good fruit. (growth)

Matt 7:21-29:

**Two foundations we build upon:** Rock or sandy foundation: Eternal life and eternal separation (how we can be sure about our future destiny)

15 “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

- Revelation 3:15-16

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- The parable: A warning about counterfeit Christianity
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28 Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”... 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

- John 6:28-29,40

13 And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me.”

- Isaiah 29:13

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12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

- 1 Corinthians 3:12-13

“. . . the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. “

- 1 Corinthians 4:5

## The Parable:

- **Everyone is building something-** are we the wise man or the foolish man
- **Everyone is building upon a foundation.-** are you building on the rock of Christ or the sand ground of the world?
- **The Storm(s) reveal our foundations.-** what do your trials reveal? Because the Storm of God's wrath is coming.

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“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

— 1 John 5:13

## **How can we be sure we are saved?**

- You confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior and trust in him by faith. (Romans 10:9)
  - *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. -Romans 10:9*

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- **You confess your sins and are no longer indifferent towards it (1 John 1:9)**
  - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.- 1 John 1:9*

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

- John 14:23



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  - 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. - Galatians 5:16,

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

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## **At the end. . . we go back to the beginning:**

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
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