

Building and Dwelling in the Home Built on and by Christ Jesus Our Lord

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For Christ followers, Christ is our sure foundation and rock! Let us be wise how we build upon it:

1 Corinthians 3:10b (ESV)¹⁰ Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

1 Corinthians 3:11–19 (ESV)¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³each 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. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

Matthew 16:15–19 (ESV)¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

We can ask Christ to reveal what we have placed and built on his precious foundation:

Proverbs 25:4 (ESV)⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; Fire melts the metals with all the impurities which is known metal smithing which will rise to the top and is skimmed off the top and removed.

1 John 1:9–10 (ESV)⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar.

Psalms 103:11–13 (ESV)¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

We build a house on the foundation which Christ provides when we become doers of his Words:

Matthew 7:24–27 (ESV)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. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶And 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. ²⁷And 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."

Philippians 4:13 (ESV) ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2 Peter 1:3–4 (ESV)³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become *partakers* of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Partakers - κοινωνός (*koinōnos*). n. masc. **companion, partner, sharer**. *A person who participates in something with another.*

The house built on Christ becomes our home through knowing and trusting the loving indwelling of the Holy Spirit:

John 14:15–27 (ESV)¹⁵“If you *love* me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another *Helper*, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be *in* you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am *in* my Father, and you *in* me, and I *in* you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be *loved* by my Father, and I will *love* him and manifest myself to him.”²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”²³Jesus answered him, “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. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the *Helper*, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Love - ἀγαπάω (*agapaō*). vb. **to love**. *Involves a deep level of affection and intimacy.*

Helper - παράκλητος (*paraklētos*). n. masc. **advocate, helper**. *The noun refers to one who helps, advocates, or comforts someone on behalf of another*

In - ἐν, (a) of place, *in*; ἐν τοῖς, see ὁ ἐν Χριστῷ, of mystic indwelling; (b) = εἰς, *into*.

Orphans - ὀρφανός (*orphanos*). n. masc. **orphan, fatherless**. *Refers to a child without parents.*

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (ESV)²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1 Peter 2:11 – sojourners and exiles thus let us abstain from the passion of the flesh

In light of today’s message, what is God the Father wanting you to know? How does he desire (and require) you to respond?