

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

FOR LIVES OF FAITH



**“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher;
“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”**

Ecclesiastes 1:2



What is Vanity?

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

Romans 8:18-20

“Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:17b-19

“For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.”

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

Vanity:

Futility, frustration, limitation and ultimately death which every person experiences as a result of living in a sin-cursed world.

A photograph of a white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The house is on the left side of the frame. The beach is in the foreground, and the ocean is in the background. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm, golden glow over the water and the horizon. The word "Solution" is written in large, white, bold letters across the center of the image.

Solution

“Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor; and this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

Pursued:

Pleasure

Work

Wealth

Legacy

Wisdom

Control

A scenic photograph of a white, two-story house with a dark roof, built on stilts on a rocky coastline. The house is situated on a rocky outcrop overlooking a sandy beach and the ocean. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm, golden glow over the water and the beach. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

**ENJOY
the Gift**

“Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.”

Ecclesiastes 2:24

***“Remember now your Creator
in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you
say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’”***

Ecclesiastes 12:1

***“Remember your Creator before
the silver cord is loosed,
Or the golden bowl is broken,
Or the pitcher shattered at the
fountain, Or the wheel broken
at the well.”***

Ecclesiastes 12:6

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand of the beach reflects the light. The text "God brings LIFE" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**God brings
LIFE**

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

John 10:10

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