

October 29th – The Solid Foundation

“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity’.” (2 Timothy 2:19)

In His famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that every person is building on one of two foundations – the rock or the sand. Jesus said a wise man builds his house on the rock because it can withstand all the storms of life. In today’s verse, the Apostle Paul tells us a little more about the solid foundation that is found only in Jesus Christ. If we want our lives to withstand all the trials and temptations that Satan sends our way, we need to learn more about the bedrock of our faith.

First, Paul tells us that “the Lord knows who are His.” That’s because every person who has placed their faith in Christ is now a child of God. I’m sure you’ve heard someone use the phrase “all of God’s children” as a substitute for the word “everyone.” That’s an incorrect substitute because not everyone is a child of God. We’re all His creation, but only those who have trusted Christ are His children. He has sealed His children with the Holy Spirit who guides them into all truth (John 16:13).

Second, Paul challenges us: “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” I’m very concerned that some people treat salvation like it’s a license to sin. They think to themselves, “I prayed a prayer, walked an aisle, had Christian parents, etc.”. Because they did something religious or emotional, they think they have a relationship with God and can now live however they want. Nothing could be further from the truth. “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” (Rom. 6:1-2) If we know Him, let’s live for Him!