

CHRIST – THE SOLID ROCK

In 2026 it seems the news headlines swirling around are: political battles, wars with words, suffering, unrest, uncertainty, terrorist threats, war in Iran, disaster, violence, and evil everywhere you turn

All of these have one purpose – to distract us from His purpose and our mission!

Yet God's truth breaks through all the mess and distractions. He breathes peace life, and assurance that no matter what, He will hold all things together!

Isaiah 33:6 Amp And there shall be stability in your times, an abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the reverent fear and worship of the Lord is your treasure and His.

This reference speaks of the stabilizing force God will provide to believers, even in the midst of the uncertain times of this present age!

Friday morning I woke up with this old song on my mind – On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Matt 7:24-27 NKJV “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

There are a lot of voices out there today. We must learn to turn it all off and listen to the one voice who matters most

That old song says:

*“My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus Name
On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand”*

v. 24,25

True followers of Christ not only hear His words but they act on His words, allowing it to make a difference in their lives

Jesus said true followers by acting on His words are like a man who builds his house on the rock, they are a hearing and responding disciple

James 1:22-25 NKJV But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Lots of athletes talk a great game, but that tells us nothing about their athletic ability

Not everyone who talks about Heaven belongs to God's Kingdom

Jesus is more concerned about our walk than our talk

Your house represents your life. That house will only withstand the storms of life if you do what is right and not only talk about it

Did you know we actually show our faith by faithful living?

Practicing obedience is how we build on the solid foundation of Jesus

There will be seasons of heavy rain and storms in our lives, only the one who builds their life on the foundation of Jesus will not fall

Will your house fall like a house of cards or will it withstand the storm?

v. 26,27

Here we see both men built houses, they may have looked identical, only one house stood the test

Sand represents building my life on self, culture, and superficial religion

Hear me this morning: only the one who hears and does God's word will receive God's reward!

2 John 7-9 NKJV For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that ^[c]we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.

⁹ Whoever ^[d]transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

There's so many things happening today. Be careful not to be swayed by false teaching that contradicts the Bible or claims to have some special insight

Hear me clearly, when you leave the Bible for any other doctrine, you have left God, too

Hold tightly to Jesus our Solid Rock so you will receive your full reward from the Lord!

As character is revealed by fruit **Matt 7:20** (therefore by their fruits you will know them) so faith is revealed by storms

Church, the wise person seeking to act upon God's Word builds to withstand any storm

Storms, rains, wind hit both houses but the storm revealed the quality of its foundation

It will be the foundation, not the house, that will determine what happens on the Day of Judgment!

In this parable Jesus gave two choices, both were builders and both heard Jesus' instructions

Jesus said what matters is not familiarity with His teachings, but putting them into practice

What is your greatest reason for studying what Jesus taught? To increase your knowledge or to improve your obedience?

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