

THE ONLY FOUNDATION #3

1 Corinthians 3:11

I thought it might be good to spend another session together considering the foundation Paul proclaims to be the “**only**” one. We now know that he was correct. Let’s look at those words, “...NO OTHER...”, and consider the folly of attempting to lay any other foundation.

Man kind has and does try to build on unqualified foundations in spite of what God’s Word says. How do they do that ?

1. By trusting in the dictates of unsanctified reasoning.
 - A. Luke 12:16-20 - = people try to build upon the foundation of WORKS.
The problem here is knowing just what work they should do; just when they should begin; How to know when they had done enough , and done it well enough. No one can answer those questions.
 - B. Some have tried to build on the foundation of sacraments. Here is a Quote from the Presbyterian ‘Shorter Catechism’ -
“Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, In the name of The Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, doth signify and seal our engrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.”
The Bible says Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 5:6 = “likeness’ (picture)
2. By trusting upon their ‘goodness’ to appease God.
 - A. Matthew 5:20 -”...except your righteousness exceed...”
 - B. Matthew 19:16-22 - the record of a man better off than most, but he did not measure up.
 - C. Isaiah 64:6 - really, we are hopeless.
 - D. Romans 3:23 and Isaiah 64:6 - pus us all in the same situation. None Escapes.
3. By presuming God to be merciful, but not just.
 - A. 2 Peter 3:9 - God **is** ,merciful and long suffering - Rom. 4:2; John 3:16
 - B John 3:18 &36; Eccl. 8:11; 1 John 5:10 - He is also just.

The folly of trying to build on these other foundations is manifested by -
THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE ONE PROVIDED.

Heb. 7:25 - He is able to save to the uttermost

John 6:37 - No one is turned away

John 10:27-30 - He will keep those who will trust

Phil. 4:19 - He will supply all needs

He will guide, comfort, empower, enlighten and strengthen

DON'T waste your time; DON'T take chances; BE as careful here

As you are in the other affairs of life.

BUILD ON THE ONLY FOUNDATION.....JESUS CHRIST !!