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## **The Foundation of God**

Read again **II Timothy 2:19-23**. No matter what difficulties you face in life, no matter how discouraging circumstances may be, the foundation of God standeth sure. Matthew Henry, in his commentary on this passage says, “the unbelief of men cannot make the promise of God of no effect... All the attacks which the powers of darkness have made upon the doctrine of Christ cannot shake it; it stands firm...” The quality and thus value of any house is determined by the sureness of the foundation. Read **Matthew 7:24-27** and **Luke 6:47-49**. What was the difference between the two houses? What happened to the house with a poor foundation?

Your life is the house. Your family is the house. If your life or your family are to withstand the storms of life, it must be built on a sure foundation. **I Corinthians 3:9-11** – As believers, we are God’s building. The foundation of the Christian life is faith in Jesus Christ. Any life, no matter how moral or upstanding, that is not built upon faith in Christ, will fall. Apart from the saving grace of God, every person will be destroyed, every person will perish. If your life is to withstand the storms of life and the judgment of God, it must be built on the foundation of Christ.

How sure is the foundation of Christ? How safe or secure am I in Christ? Paul goes on to say that the Lord knoweth them that are His and hath put his seal upon them. A seal was a mark of ownership or security that dare not be broken. John 10:27-29 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.” John 6:37 “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” A life that is in Christ is a life that can never be lost. The foundation is sure. No one can ever lose their salvation. If they could, God would be a liar and God cannot lie. Hebrews 5:9 says, speaking of Christ, “And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” Salvation is forever.

Unfortunately, it is possible to profess Christ as Savior without possessing Christ as Savior. In **Matthew 7:21-23**, just prior to the passage we read earlier, Jesus said many will profess Him as Lord, only to be cast out because Christ never knew them. They had done many wonderful works in the name of the Lord, but they never laid the foundation through faith in Christ. As a result, all was lost. How do you know if your life is being built on the foundation of Christ? **Matthew 7:20** says “By their fruits ye shall know them.” When the storms of life come, a sure foundation will lead to the right type of fruit. What type of fruit would you expect to see from a life founded on Jesus Christ? Does your life bear fruit of faith in Christ? On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.