

SOMETHING SOLID TO STAND ON

Matthew 7:24-27 16:13-18

Introduction: Today is a time of uncertainty and constant change: wars, disease, disasters, suicide bombings, hate crimes, etc. There is now a brand of "christianity" which waves no cross. The Ten Commandments have been thrown out of the schools, courtrooms, with no regard for God's laws. Schools are forbidden to allow any reference to God or to allow Christian activities on school property. What God calls "sin" has been changed to a sickness and nothing is unusually wrong as everyone does it. "Professionals" know what is wrong with mankind and know how to fix it better than God. Doctors can extend life now but also promote abortions.

With all this turmoil, unrest, uneasiness, constant changing, going away from God with no end in sight, thankfully there are some things that have remained unchanging, true and as solid as a rock, no matter what mankind decides or Satan tries to do. These things are what the christian stands on:

I. THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD!

- No one person understands it all, but it is solid and on it God's people stand!
- Every day evidence is found around the world somewhere adding more proof that what God's Word says is true.
- Creation, the virgin birth, the resurrection are not just stories, they happened, just like God's Word says.
- **On this truth the Christian stands!**

II. JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD!

- He was born of a virgin named Mary.
- He is God in the flesh. Totally divine and totally human in every way, living 33 years on earth among the Jewish people.
- **On this truth the Christian stands!**

III. JESUS DIED ON A CROSS FOR THE BELIEVER'S SINS!

- He came not only to teach or to be an example or to die as a martyr.
- He came to do something about man's main problem - sin!
- He died on a cross as a sacrifice for all of mankind's sin and God's solution for man's sin happened. God's justice was satisfied!
- **On this truth the Christian stands!**

IV. JESUS ROSE BODILY FROM THE GRAVE!

- He is not a ghost! He died. He was buried. He rose on a Sunday morning. He appeared to His own followers: Mary, His disciples, Peter, over 500 at one time and many others at other times. He's alive today!
- **On this truth the Christian stands!**

V. JESUS IS COMING BACK PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY FOR ALL CHRISTIANS!

- Jesus will call His Church (christians) out of this world with those who have already died rising first, then He will change His living family's bodies and catch them all

up into the place He has been preparing for them. He will return later with His angelic host and His family to rule and reign on this earth.

- **On this truth the Christian stands!**

VI. THERE IS BUT ONE TRUE CHURCH!

- Not all religions or all those who call themselves "believers" are part of God's family.
- There is but one way into God's family and that is through His call and one's faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only way to the Father!
- **And on this truth the Christian stands!**

VII. JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM!

- Whether past, present, or future, all things exist through and because of Jesus.
- By FAITH His followers live (forsaking all I trust Him).
- Jesus' Holy Spirit indwells every believer and guides, provides and protects as much as the believer will allow.
- There is nothing too difficult that Jesus cannot handle in the believer's life. Therefore, Jesus is the answer to the believer's every problem!
- **And on this truth the Christian stands!**

VIII. THERE IS A HEAVEN AND THERE IS A HELL!

- There is a Hell because God says so and Jesus talked about it in His teachings.
- All who reject God's Son, Jesus, will live forever in that place of torment called Hell.
- There is a heaven because Jesus said so and that He was going to prepare a place for His family. He allowed one or two to see some of it and were told to write about what they saw as best they could.
- All who have accepted God's Son, Jesus, will live forever in that place of indescribable beauty called Heaven!
- **And on this truth the Christian stands!**

CONCLUSION:

1. History and the present prove that there is nothing permanent on this earth and that no man nor all mankind put together has even the slightest idea of how to answer or find the solutions to the needs of mankind.
2. Who can one turn to? Where can one go? What can one do? How is man going to survive?
3. *"...Other foundation can no man lay that that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*
4. The only unchanging, permanent, reliable, everlasting truth that will always be here for man is God, His Word, and His Son, Jesus Christ.
5. **And on these truths the Christian stands!**