

SOMETHING TO STAND ON

Matthew 7:24-27; 16:13-18

Introduction: There is no doubt that our country is in an unstable condition and our world is one of uncertainty and constant change.

- There is a type of "christianity" which has no cross.
- The Ten Commandments have been thrown out the window with no regard for God's laws.
- Schools are teaching evolution and not allowing the Word of God to be even read.
- Sin is called "sickness and disease."
- Experts, who are no more than a human being, think they know all the answers.
- Scientists think they can extend life, but they can surely cause abortions.
- It seems our world is making progress somewhere but Bible says that the world will end in catastrophe.

Someone once said, "I'd rather know a few things for certain than to know a lot of things that aren't so." In all the mess our country and world is in, it is comforting to know that God has provided something for the Christian to stand on.

I. THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

1. Nobody will ever understand it all, but it is completely reliable and has never let man down.
 - Everyday evidence is found somewhere in the world proving what God's Word says is true.
2. The creation, virgin birth, the resurrection of Jesus are not myths. They are something to stand on.

II. JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

1. Jesus was born of a virgin by the power of God's Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus is God in the flesh, therefore totally divine and totally human. Stand on this.

III. JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR MAN'S SINS

1. Jesus came not merely to teach or to be an example of how God wants us to live.
 - He didn't come to die as a martyr.
2. Jesus came to do something about man's main problem - sin, therefore:
 - the cross, the sacrifice, God, the Father's satisfaction.
 - Stand on this.

IV. JESUS ROSE PHYSICALLY, BODILY FROM THE GRAVE

1. Christians do not worship a ghost. Jesus died. He was buried. He rose on the third day on a Sunday morning. He appeared to His own followers, Mary, His disciples, to Peter, and was seen by over 500 at once.
 - Stand on this.

V. JESUS IS COMING BACK PERSONALLY, VISIBLY AND WILL REIGN ON THIS EARTH

1. Jesus will call out His Church with the dead believers rising first and then changing the living believers, catching all His believers/followers up into Heaven.
2. Jesus will return again with an angelic host and His Church, setting up His kingdom with His Church ruling and reigning with Him.
 - Stand on this.

VI. THE TRUE CHURCH BELONGS TO JESUS

1. Not all the religious talkers, do-gooders or the in name only members, but those who have truly been born again.
 - Those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, kept in Heaven.
 - Those who are proving themselves daily to be disciples of Jesus.
 - Stand on this.

VII. JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM

1. All problems, of the past, present and of the future can find their answer in Jesus.
 - Jesus has all wisdom, all knowledge, and can do all things.
 - Forsaking All, I Trust Him = FAITH
 - All who believe in Him have eternal life in heaven.
 - All who reject Him have eternal life in hell.
 - Stand on this.

VIII. THERE IS A HEAVEN AND HELL

1. There is a hell because Jesus said so and He described it in detail.
 - There is a heaven because Jesus said so and He is preparing a place for all His believers.
 - Stan on this.

CONCLUSION:

1. Put no trust nor faith in the sayings and doings of people for they are just people.
2. Put all your trust and faith into the ROCK and that ROCK is Jesus Christ. He will never change!
 - YOU CAN STAND ON HIM!