How Firm A Foundation

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INTRODUCTION

- Everyone is building some kind of a life. But everyone is building their life on something.
- There are those that are wise builders, and they build on a solid foundation. And then, of course, there's foolish builders. And these builders build on the shifting, unstable sands.

1 Individualism: I Am My Own God

Judges 21:25; Proverbs 21:2

- Individualism says that I just live for myself.
- Individualism really is another way of saying that I am my own God.
- Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts.
- This idea of individualism is not a solid foundation. It is building on the sand.

2 Secularism: God Is Unnecessary

Romans 1:20–28

- Secularism can be identified with three words. God is unnecessary.
- We have systematically been removing God from every area of public life.
- Mankind has reached a pretty sad state when God gives up. Three times in this chapter one, it said God gave them up.
- Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind to do those things which are not fitting.

3 Relativism: No Absolutes

John 14:6

- The idea of relativism can be summed up in two words. No absolutes.
- What's truth for me may not be truth for you, and what's truth for you may not be truth for me.
- There's no absolutes. That's an absolute statement.
- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through me.

4 Jesus Christ, the Foundation of the Church

1 Corinthians 3:9–11; Matthew 16:17–18

- For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. And so Jesus Christ is the only sure foundation.
- On this rock I will build my church. And the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- It's on this rock, the rock of Peter's confession, the rock of the foundation of who Jesus is, that he's going to build the church.

- The church is not built upon a preacher or some special method or a doctrinal dogma of some sort.

5 The Foundation of the Home and the Workplace

Ephesians 5:22–33; Ephesians 6:1–9

- Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her.
- Just as surely as Christ is the foundation of the called-up people that we call the church, he is a foundation for those very people who are building their homes.
- Workers are to work, not as men pleasers, but sincerely with sincerity of heart, how? As to the Lord.
- We need to make sure in our jobs and professions and occupations that people can see Christ in us.

6 Foundation for Societal Harmony and Life's Storms

Matthew 7:12; Matthew 22:39; Hebrews 4:15–16

- Christ is the foundation for society operating effectively and harmoniously and getting along, people getting along with one another.
- The golden rule, Matthew 7, 12, treat other people the way that you want to be treated. What if everybody just did that?
- He is the only sure foundation when life storms beat up on us.
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Your building is going to collapse if you build on the shifting sand. We would invite you tonight to come to him who is the rock, who is the sure foundation, Jesus Christ.**

MY NOTES