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## All Other Ground Is Sinking Sand

The song writer affirmed, “On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.” Consider carefully the Biblical basis and rich meaning of these words.

**Christ is the Solid Rock...of the Old Testament.** “My rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold” (**Psa. 18:2**); “The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God” (**Psa. 62:7**).

**Christ is the Solid Rock...upon which the church has been founded.** No human can take His place as the “chief cornerstone” of the church (**Eph. 2:20**; **1 Pet. 2:6**), for “no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (**1 Cor. 3:11**). When Peter confessed the deity of Christ, the Lord said, “On this rock (His deity) I will build My church” (**Matt. 16:18**).

**Christ is the Solid Rock...upon whom I stand.** The emphasis is on the confidence that we need to have to stand on Him and Him alone. Can each of us affirm these things, “I am not ashamed...For I know whom I have believed...I will walk in Your truth...I will not forget Your word...I will keep the commandments of my God” (**Rom. 1:16**; **2 Tim. 1:12**; **Psa. 86:11**; **119:16, 115**)? He is the Solid Rock upon which the wise man builds his home (**Matt. 7:24-25**).

**All other ground is sinking sand!** There is other ground upon which we may stand, even ground that may appear to have insignificant differences to standing on Christ. However, the ground of the Lord is unique and there is no other that is “close enough.” “Their rock is not like our Rock,” for there is no “rock like our God” (**Deut. 32:31**; **1 Sam. 2:2**).

The ground of man-made doctrine is sinking sand (**Matt. 15:8-9**). The ground of self-prescribed, will worship is sinking sand (**Col. 2:23**). The ground of justifying decisions with “I think, I feel, I believe” instead of “The Bible says” is sinking sand (**Col. 3:17**). The ground of “everybody else is doing it” is sinking sand (**Rom. 12:2**). The ground of trusting in the riches of this world is sinking sand (**Matt. 13:22**). The ground of enjoying the pleasures of sin is sinking sand (**Heb. 11:25**). The ground of doing whatever it takes to please others is sinking sand (**1 Thess. 2:4**; **Gal. 1:10**).

When you take a look at your life and where you stand right now, can you boldly profess, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness...I wholly lean on Jesus’ Name”? If you have built your hope on any other ground than the Solid Rock, you are on sinking sand!

David Sproule; PBLCoC

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
To give glory to God  
To be unified in reaching others  
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the  
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



On this Sunday before Independence Day, we welcome everyone to this time of worship. May we all express our gratitude to God for our homeland where we can worship as we choose.

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”*

**Pray for our Church family:**

Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Pray for Dail’s sister Pat who was recently in a car accident, for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke and for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Michelle Candelario, Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Shyanna Francis, Joy Gabel Filipone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

**Military:**

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

God, thank You for providing salvation and eternal life through Jesus! Help me to reveal Your saving way to others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Marvin Williams  
Read: Psalm 1

**News:**

Please keep Roy in your prayers as he travels to various parts of Canada this month, for Mae as she was recently in a car accident and for Phyllis who is suffering with shingles.

Please join us for Sunday morning bible study, as we explore the book of Leviticus. Class begins at 9:30, we hope to see you there.

**The Community Food Bank:** At this time, the most critically needed items are: 1 pound packs of spaghetti and canned pasta sauce. Other non-perishable items such as: small packs of rice and dried beans, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are also welcome! Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**In Search of the Lord’s Way:** Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

**The “rock” foundation:** How shameful that some have tried to suggest that the church of Jesus Christ was founded upon Peter! When Jesus said, in Matt. 16:18,, “You are Peter,” his name is from the Greek *petros*, which is “a stone that might be thrown or easily removed.” But, the “rock” on which Jesus would “build” His “church” is the Greek *petra*, which is “a mass of rock.” What is that?

Note how Matthew uses this same word elsewhere. The “wise man,” who “hears” the words of Jesus and “does” them, has his faith (i.e., his house) built upon “a rock” (Greek *petra*). That is a solid foundation stone on which to build a house. When Jesus was buried after His death, His body was laid in a new tomb which had been “hewn out of the rock” (Greek *petra*) (Matt. 26:60). That is a solid mountain stone in which to carve a final resting place.

The “rock” foundation of your faith and of the church is NOT some ordinary man! The “rock” foundation is Jesus Christ and His Word! That is the sure foundation on which to build your life! - David Sproule (PBLCoC)

**Sermon Topic:**

***“Where is Jesus? - Part 1”***

**Birthdays:**

Blake Axsom: 7/15  
Yanira Fuentes: 7/18

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

B & A Axsom: 7/19

**Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

**WORSHIP ORDER**

**WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER**

797: Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (1,2 & 4)

674: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (1 & 2)

**COMMUNION & OFFERING: Luke 22:19-20**

684: Nearer, My God, to Thee (1-3)

**INTERLUDE**

837: I Need Thee Every Hour (1,2 & 4))

**SERMON**

**INVITATION**

549: There Is Sunshine in My Soul (verse 1)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER**

While we continue to have in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed. God bless us all and our families and loved ones too.

**Sermons on line:** For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

<http://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com>

Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado