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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.” (Ps. 18:2). “The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God”. (Ps. 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; Ps. 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 no 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 wilful 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 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!

By David Sproule, pblcoc.org

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

“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:

Keep Wanda in your prayers as she recovers from a recent fall. For those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough, Betty Johnson and Lucy McDonald. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuart’s cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins’ family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and Tony Cairo and Glenn Fields.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Father, we thank You for this day. We pray for strength, wisdom and vision to follow Your word. We thank You for Jesus whose death brought us the hope of eternal life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Frank S. Paramore

Read: Psalms 9:1-2

News:

Daylight Savings Time ends. Please remember to “fall back” one hour before you go to bed for the night on Saturday, October 31st.

Individually wrapped **communion supplies** will continue to be available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and during temporary closures. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).

Community Food Bank continues to need support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**Scripture readings:
1 Corinthians 10:1-7 and 13**

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. The were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.”

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Sermon topic:

“Christ, Our Rock”



Birthdays:

Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Lorenzo Serrano:	10/2
Leo Goodenough:	10/12
Camelia Munn:	10/22

I know Love abounds among us, but unfortunately we will not be having in-person worship service this week.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:
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(Checks or money orders - do not mail cash)

God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

In Search of the Lord’s Way

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