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# ROCK SOLID

About seventy miles from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in a wooded area sits a marvel of architecture and construction. Fallingwater, a house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1935, is built around an existing waterfall. The surrounding landscape is integrated into the construction. The words "breath taking" do not do justice to the finished product of Wright's vision. However what really stands out is that the safety of the whole structure is that the vertical core of the house rests on boulders. Thus providing a solid foundation.



Drawing to a conclusion in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus touched on the necessity for a sure foundation. "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock." (Matthew 7:24) Conversely those who decide not to heed the words of Christ are constructing their entire life upon a foundation of sand, which will not stand (see Matthew 7:26-27).

Peter, as he spoke before the leaders of the Jewish people, presented the following for their consideration. "Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead by this name this man stands here before you in good health. **HE IS THE STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOU, THE BUILDERS, BUT WHICH BECAME THE VERY CORNER STONE.**' and there is salvation in no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:10-12) There is no equivocation in what Peter has set forth. He even quotes from Psalms 118:22. Jesus is the Cornerstone; the foundation.

Paul on his part succinctly writes in the third

chapter of 1 Corinthians and verse eleven, "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Fulfillment of what was promised in Isaiah 28:16. "Behold I am laying in Zion, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believe in it will not be disturbed." (see also 1 Peter 2:4-8)

The author of Hebrews, in trying to show the supremacy of the new covenant in Christ, points out the following. "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly, and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel". (12:22-24) A foundation, sure and steadfast.

Those who have put on Christ in the waters of baptism have been engrafted into the household of God; no longer a stranger or alien, but a fellow citizen with the saints (see Ephesians 2:19). "Having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone." (Ephesians 2:20) In Christ we find the core, the spiritual structural foundation. In Christ is found all authority, power and dominion. He is the summation of all things (see Ephesians 1:7-12) "But in case I am delayed, I write so you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of truth." (1 Timothy 3:15)

It is imperative that we respect and hold tightly to the truth as found in Christ. Nothing more and nothing less. He alone is the core, the foundation upon which the house has been built. Reflecting the manifold wisdom of God.

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