

The Foundation of Jesus

1 Corinthians 3:11

Introduction: For many, there is no standard of morality or life.

I. Jesus is the Foundation of the Church

- A. He purchased it with his blood
Acts 20:28 purchased by his own blood
- B. He rules it as the head of the church
Matthew 16:18 I will build my church
Colossians 1:16 And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn, that in all things he may have preeminence.
The Church is not a denomination
Universal church (Mt 16:18, Col 1:16)
Local congregation (Philippians 1:1, Galatians 1)
Nothing larger than local and smaller than universal
We all speak the same: 1 Cor. 1:10
- C. He will present it to the Father in heaven
The church is precious to Jesus, Eph. 5:22-33
The church must be holy (pure)

II. Jesus is the Foundation of our Salvation

- A. We are not saved by our own works or goodness
Ephesians 2:8-9
- B. Jesus died on the cross for our sins
Ephesians 1:7 Redeemed by his blood
2 Corinthians 5:21
- C. Jesus sets the terms for our salvation
Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:16, John 3:5

III. Jesus is the Foundation of our Hope

- A. We live in a hopeless world
We try to live by our own worthiness
Chosen as we are, Deut 7:8-10, Rom 5:8
- B. Jesus is the answer for our needs
John 14:6,
- C. With Jesus we can overcome all things
Heb 13:5-6

A million miles you'll walk in life's journey
Sometimes slow and sometimes in a hurry
But today's question for you to contemplate
What's the most important step you'll ever take?

When you were a baby many years ago
Everyone cheered your first step so
As the years passed and you played ball
We cheered to see you run past all

When you were finally done with school
We celebrated you as walked in your cap and gown
At your wedding we all stood by and cried
To see you walk the aisle and pledge your life

But the most important step you'll ever take
Is not what you'd expect it to be
For its the day you stepped out in church
To obey the gospel and make things right
For this decision will last forever
And will please the Lord and his people.