

"BUILDING FOR ETERNITY"**Introduction**

1. Christ is all: pearl, treasure, foundation.
2. Where Christ is not, there is no foundation:
3. Man's life; religion; hope of heaven

1. THE FOUNDATION

- 1) Why Christ is the one and only foundation:
 - (i) eternally ordained by God to preeminence.
 - (ii) unique in Person – the God-Man
 - (iii) all fullness dwells in him to bless us.
- 2) Of what is Christ the foundation?
 - (i) of our understanding of all our life: 4 things
 - (ii) of our personal life – because only Christ can establish us before God:
 - (iii) 3 aspects: sonship – God's love – a sure hope
OBSERVE: Christless persons are unstable and will eventually fall: **ILLUSTRATION**: a leaning tower.

2. THE SUPERSTRUCTURE

- 1) building-blocks of varying quality – to build the temple of honour to God's glory.
- 2) Explain: all who profess Christ have the foundation – not all build wisely on Christ. The building-blocks are of differing quality.
- 3) 5 vital blocks for the understanding:
 - (i) a true view of Christ
 - (ii) a true view of conviction
 - (iii) a true view of conversion
 - (iv) a true view of sovereignty

- (v) a true view of justification

OBSERVE: These are golden blocks if properly taught and properly understood.

- 4) 5 vital areas of Christian obedience:
 - (i) private devotions:
 - (ii) marriage: husbands and wives
 - (iii) the family: parents and children
 - (iv) the work-place: as unto God
 - (v) the state: obedience to law, normally.

3. THE GREAT TRIAL

- 1) There will be a Day of trial for our work as builders – a trial by fire.
- 2) v.13: not a trial of our knowledge so much as of our obedience to God's Word.
- 3) This **Illustration** suggests 2 kinds of builders:
 - (i) those who build well: "gold/silver..."
 - (ii) those who build what is valueless – "wood / hay / stubble".
- 4) Quality matters in building:
 - (i) too few in our day are golden
 - (ii) too many have built with straw
APPLICATION:
 - (i) ministers + preachers: their work
 - (ii) believers: their life
- 5) It would be sad to lose your reward:
 - (i) the soul saved, but
 - (ii) all your works burnt up
ILLUSTRATION: saved "by the skin of his teeth".

PSALM

18: 25 – 30

2: 7 – 12

1: 3 - 6

CONCLUSION

1. Keep to God's word.
2. Be filled with the knowledge of the Bible.

ILLUSTRATION: Bunyan's blood was all "bibline".