
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, March 27, 2011

“THE FOUNDATION”

(Ezra 3:10-13)

Our new children’s building is beginning to take shape. A successful construction project requires a firm foundation. Today we take a Sunday to celebrate what God has been doing in our church family and the foundations being laid.

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11, NIV).

“In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19, NIV).

“For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11:10, NIV).

1. We are setting a foundation for our _____.

2. We are setting a foundation for the _____.

3. We are setting a foundation for our _____.

4. We are setting a foundation for _____.

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“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash” (Matthew 7:24-27, NIV).

“In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands” (Psalm 102:25, NIV).

“So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed” (Isaiah 28:16, NIV).

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“The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God’s messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men

with the sword in the sanctuary, and spared neither young man nor young woman, old man or aged. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar. He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there" (2 Chronicles 36:15-19, NIV).

1. We are setting a foundation for our faith to grow.

2. We are setting a foundation for the next generation.

"After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10, NIV).

"We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands" (Psalm 78:4-7, NIV).

3. We are setting a foundation for our Acts 1:8 vision.

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done" (Psalm 105:1, NIV).

4. We are setting a foundation for God to be glorified.

"For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:10, NIV).

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19, NIV).