

THE ABUNDANT CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE GOOD SHEPHERD - PART 5

John 10:10

(Jn 10:10), “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.”



S THE **BIBLE** IS A BOOK ABOUT “**LIFE**”

- C** The word “**LIFE**” occurs in the Bible at least **450 times**.
- C** The word “**LIVING**” occurs **147 times**.
- C** IN THE BOOK OF **JOHN**, the word “**LIFE**” occurs **44 times**.

S If we are going to be true to the message of Scripture, we must address the subject of “**LIFE**.”

THERE ARE **TWO KINDS** OF “**LIFE**”

#1. “PHYSICAL LIFE.” The **first chapter** of the Bible records the first mention of *physical life*.

- C** (**Gen 1:20**), “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly THE MOVING CREATURE THAT HATH **LIFE** . . . ”
- C** **Each of one us** possesses **physical life**. *Physical life* is what gives each of us the opportunity to walk around and enjoy God’s physical creation.

#2. “SPIRITUAL LIFE.”

- C** We are *spiritual beings*. We are **not just a random collection of CELLS**. We are **UNIQUE** from all other creatures on earth in that we have been **created in the IMAGE OF GOD** (Gen 2:26-27). That “image of God” gives us **the unique capacity to know and fellowship WITH GOD**. Understanding the “image of God” **can GREATLY**

ENHANCE A PERSON’S SENSE OF **WORTH, VALUE AND PURPOSE** in life.

The second chapter of the Bible records THE **FIRST MENTION** OF “**DEATH**” in Scripture.

(Gen 2:16-17), “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: {17} But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **THOU SHALT SURELY DIE.**”

ADAM and EVE **ATE** of the forbidden tree, and THEY **DIED** JUST AS GOD HAD TOLD THEM.

THERE ARE **TWO KINDS** OF “**DEATH**”

#1. “PHYSICAL DEATH”

S Adam’s physical death **began the moment** he ate the fruit, even though it took a great deal of time to come to completion. In fact, Adam lived to be **930** years old before he died physically (Gen 5:5). The process of death was so slow that Adam might **have WONDERED** at first why God had taken the time to **warn** him of *death*. He didn’t drop dead on the spot. Eventually, although it took several years to come to pass, **ADAM DIED.**

S **LIKE ADAM, EVERYONE** EVENTUALLY EXPERIENCES PHYSICAL DEATH. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**. THE SCRIPTURE STATES:

C “. . . **IT IS APPOINTED** unto men once to die . . . ” (Heb 9:27).

C SCRIPTURE SPEAKS OF DEATH AS GOING, **“THE WAY OF ALL THE EARTH . . . ”** (1 Ki 2:2)

- C IT MATTERS NOT WHAT **A PERSON'S STATION** IN LIFE MIGHT BE, EVERYONE EVENTUALLY DIES.
 - % **DOCTORS** DIE.
 - % **MILLIONAIRES** DIE.
 - % **MISSIONARIES** DIE.
 - % **PHD's** DIE.
 - % **PRESIDENTS** DIE.
 - % **PAUPERS** DIE.
 - % **FOLKS WHO SELL INSURANCE POLICIES** DIE.

C **RANDY ALCORN**

"Life's greatest certainty is death. The statistics never change. Of those who are born, 100 per cent die. Talking about death won't hasten it. Denying death won't delay it."

(*DEADLINE*, pg. 65)

#1. PHYSICAL DEATH

#2. "SPIRITUAL DEATH"

S God had told Adam "**IN THE DAY** that you eat thereof **YOU SHALL SURELY DIE.**" Adam ate and he died. He died *physically*, and he died *spiritually*. He died spiritually in his trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-5).

S **EVIDENCE** that something had gone **desperately wrong** became immediately evident. Adam and Eve covered themselves with **fig leaves**. They **hid** from God among the trees of the garden. They had never wanted to hide from God before. Their sin gave birth to a new experience called **guilt**.

S **ADAM'S SIN AFFECTED more than just himself**, it affected the ENTIRE **CREATION** (Rom 8). It affected all of Adam's descendants. That means it has affected you and me.

C (1 Cor 15:22), "... **IN ADAM ALL DIE**, ... "

C (Psa 51:5), "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and **IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME.**"

PARENTS do not have to teach their little babies how to be **selfish**. **Little children** do not have to be sent to school to learn how to **lie** and **cover up**. Denying that a cookie was taken from the cookie jar comes *naturally*, or perhaps we should say, *unnaturally*.

C (1 Cor 15:22), "... **IN ADAM ALL DIE**, ... "

S **IF A PERSON DOES NOT FIND GOD'S SOLUTION** to *spiritual death*, that person will ultimately experience what the Bible calls the "**SECOND DEATH**" (Rev 2:11; 20:6; 21:8). **NOT ONLY** will they will die physically, they will **DIE ETERNALLY** in a place called hell.

ALL THOSE FACTS combined **compose** A VERY **SAD STORY** about **sin** and **death**. It is a story about the **fallen human race**. That story relays the reason why **this planet** is populated with a people who are **dying** both **physically** and **spiritually**.

THE GOOD NEWS IS that GOD HAS A **SOLUTION** for *spiritual death*. IT IS CALLED "**LIFE.**" God doesn't want people to die and go to hell. He wants people to have *life*.

C (V. 10), "... I am come that they might **have life**, and that they might have *it* more abundantly."

C (Jn 3:17), "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might **be saved.**"

C (2 Pe 3:9), "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should **come to repentance.**"

The Bible is a book about "**LIFE.**" THIS MESSAGE is a message **ABOUT GOD'S GIFT OF "LIFE."** We will look at that "**LIFE**" from **four perspectives**.

- I. THE **SOURCE** OF LIFE
- II. THE **SIGNIFICANCE** OF LIFE
- III. THE **SUPERABUNDANCE** OF LIFE
- IV. THE **SUPPLY** FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE

I. THE SOURCE OF LIFE

(V. 10), “. . . I am come that they might have **LIFE** . . .” (“I” refers to Jesus)

(John 1:4), “In **HIM** was **LIFE**.” (The “HIM” refers to Jesus.)

(1 Jn 5:12), “He that hath **THE SON** hath **LIFE**; and he that hath not

THE SON of God hath not **LIFE**.” (“THE SON” refers to Jesus.)

S JESUS IS THE **SOURCE OF “LIFE.”** The **universe** is not the source of life. **Atoms** are not the source of life. **Parents** are not the source of life. **Jesus** is the source of life. Jesus is the source of life **in every respect**, both **physically** and **spiritually**.

S JESUS IS THE CREATOR OF PHYSICAL LIFE.

C (Jn 1:3), “**All things** were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (Acts 17:28)

C (Acts 17:28), “For in him **WE LIVE**, and move, and have our being; . . .”

C (Col 1:17), “. . . **BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST**.”
(niv), “. . . **IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER**.”

S The next time you want something for which **TO PRAISE GOD**, remember that God is the source of life.

S JESUS’ **“PURPOSE”** in coming to earth is revealed in John 10:10.
(Jn 10:10), “. . . I am come **THAT** they might have **LIFE**, and **THAT** they might have **IT** more abundantly.”

JESUS’ **PURPOSE** stands **IN STARK CONTRAST** with the *false shepherd’s purpose* in coming. The false shepherd comes to *steal, kill and destroy*. They **PROMOTE DEATH**. Jesus, the *True Shepherd*, came that people might have *life*.

I. THE **SOURCE OF LIFE**

II. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LIFE

S **THE ADJECTIVE** that accompanies the word *life* more than any other in Scripture is the word **“ETERNAL”** or **“EVERLASTING.”**

(1) (John 3:16), “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have **EVERLASTING LIFE**.”

(2) (John 3:36), “He that believeth on the Son hath **EVERLASTING LIFE**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

(3) (Jn 5:24), “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath **EVERLASTING LIFE**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto **LIFE**.”

(4) (John 6:47), “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath **EVERLASTING LIFE**.”

(5) (John 10:28), “And I give unto them **ETERNAL LIFE**; and **THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

S **BEFORE RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST** as personal Lord and Savior, a person is in a state of **SPIRITUAL DEATH**. Should they remain in that state, **not only** will that person **die physically**, but that person will **die eternally**. **Eternal death is** separation from God for all eternity in the place called hell.

S **ON THE OTHER HAND**, when a person receives Jesus Christ as Savior, God gives to him **THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE**. **ETERNAL LIFE IS “LIFE” THAT LASTS FOREVER**. The person who receives Jesus as Savior still dies **physically**, but they will live eternally. It is as if their physical death is just a **glitch**, or **hiccup**, in the time line of their *life*.

S **“ETERNAL LIFE”** is **not just something** we will be given some day when we die. It is something that **we possess the moment** we receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior.

S In light of this truth, ANSWER THIS VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION, “**DO YOU** HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?” The question is **not**, “Will you have eternal life some day when you die?” The question is, “Right now, do you have eternal life?”

I remember well **THE REVIVAL SERVICE** I attended when I received Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. The preacher kept asking if I knew whether I had eternal life. He said, “If you know you are going to heaven when you die, raise your hand.” I couldn’t raise my hand. I did not know that I was going to heaven. In fact, I knew I was not going to heaven. Also, at that time, it was my opinion that no one could really know whether they were going to heaven until they died. He shot my opinion full of holes when he quoted Scripture.

(1 Jn 5:13), “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

S “**DO YOU** HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?” Do you possess it right now? The question is **not**, “Will you have eternal life some day when you die?” The question is, “Right now, do you have eternal life?” **If your answer is, “No,”** then you need to know that you can have it.

C **(Jn 1:12)**, “But as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:”

C **(Jn 10:27-28)**, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸ And **I give unto them** eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.”

I. THE **SOURCE** OF LIFE

II. THE **SIGNIFICANCE** OF LIFE

III. THE SUPERABUNDANCE OF LIFE

(V. 10), “. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* **MORE ABUNDANTLY.**”

S “ETERNAL LIFE” **not only** refers to the **length** and **duration** of future “**life.**” It also refers to the **quality** and **character** of that “**life.**” Another way to say it is – *eternal life lasts for all eternity*, but **it begins** the moment a person receives Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior (John 1:12).

S The present gift of “life” was qualified by Jesus by using the word “**ABUNDANT.**” “**ABUNDANT**” is DEFINED in **Webster’s Dictionary** as:

C “marked by plenty” (“plentiful”)

C “ample supply”

S **DR. JAMES BOICE** has interesting comments regarding the **etymology** of the English word *abundance*. He writes:

“Our English word “abundance” comes from the two Latin words ***ab*** and ***undare*** which mean “**to rise in waves**” or “**to overflow.**” The first translation gives a picture of the unceasing rise of the **waves** upon a seashore. There the waves rise again and again. One wave surges forward and exhausts its force on the sand, but another follows and another and another. Thus it will continue as long as time lasts. The other picture is of **a flood**. This makes us think of a river fed by heavy rains, rising irresistibly until it overflows its banks. (The Gospel of John, Vol 3, pg 91).

S As we examine the *abundant Christian life*, it is important to first address the subject from **TWO PERSPECTIVES.**

(1) To possess the *abundant* Christian life **DOES NOT MEAN** that somehow the Christian is able to avoid the difficulties and sorrows of Life.

C **JESUS** Himself was called a *Man of Sorrows* (Isa 53).

C **Stephen** loved Jesus but he was stoned to death.

- C Paul loved Jesus but he was mistreated again and a gain.
- C Christians still **get old** and **die**.
- C Christians still have experiences that cause them to shed **tears**.

(2) To possess the *abundant* Christian life **DOES MEAN** that a Christian will possess **more than what is sufficient to meet his needs**.

Many Bible words communicate the idea of the abundant Christian life.

Some of those Bible words are:

- C *abound*,
- C *all*,
- C *exceeding*,
- C *fullness*,
- C *much*,
- C *river*,
- C *sufficient*
- C *supply*.

CONSIDER **THREE SPECIFIC AREAS** where God has promised abundance for the Christian.

#1. GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT GRACE

- S "GRACE" IS **A BIG DEAL** in Scripture. It is mentioned many times and in many different ways. **GRACE IS** God's *unmerited favor*. Grace is *God's Riches at Christ's Expense*.
- S ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE we are *saved by grace* (Eph 2:8). **In addition** to being saved by *grace*, the Christian continues to live the **Christian life** by *grace*.
 - C **(2 Co 9:8)**, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"

C **(2 Ti 2:1)**, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

S GRACE IS AN **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL ELEMENT** for the *abundant Christian life*. There is **A WONDERFUL VERSE** worth remembering:

(Ro 5:20), "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**"

PICTURE A **BALANCE SCALE**. One side of the scale may hold *ten pounds* of sin. Because God's grace super abounds, the other side of scale may hold *one hundred pounds* grace. The amazing truth of Scripture is that God's grace is always greater than our need. If one's need weighs *one thousand pounds*, then God's grace may weigh *ten thousand pounds*.

S **GREAT LIBERTY and FREEDOM** come to the believer when he realizes that **God's grace is greater** than his sin.

(Rom 8:1), "There is therefore now **NO CONDEMNATION** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

S **JOHN PIPER**

"Satan's ultimate weapon against us is our own sin. If the death of Jesus takes it away, the chief weapon the devil has is taken out of his hand. In that sense he is rendered powerless" (*Future Grace*, p 355)

S A CHRISTIAN MIGHT ASK — "**WHAT IF I SIN?**" By God's grace you have AN **ADVOCATE** with the Father. An advocate is **A DEFENSE LAWYER**.

(1 John 2:1), "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have **AN ADVOCATE** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"

#1. GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT GRACE

#2. GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT PEACE

(Is 26:3), “Thou wilt keep *him* IN PERFECT PEACE, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.”

- S A contest was held to see which artist could best portray “peace” by the use of a paint brush. The winning artist painted a picture of a swollen brook in the midst of a storm. On a branch above the brook was **A MOTHER BIRD** sitting on her bird nest with her little ones under her wings. As the little birds peered out from under her wings, it was as if they were smiling. In the judges’ opinion, that painting best portrayed the idea of peace.
- S One of my favorite stories in Scripture is found in the Book of Mark, chapter 4. Jesus is asleep in a boat in the middle of a storm on the Sea of Galilee. The disciples are frantic as they think are about to die. They awaken Jesus and say:
(Mk 4:38), “. . . Master, carest thou not that we perish?”
(Mk 4:39-40), “And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, ‘Peace, be still.’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. {40} And he said unto them, ‘Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?’”
- S The disciples had lost their peace. How often do we lose our peace? Often we become AFFLICTED BY THE “WHAT IF’S.” What if I obey the Lord, and . . . ? WHAT IF this . . . ? WHAT IF that . . . ?
- S When that happens, what we need to remember is that **GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD** (Ps 23:1). **ONE OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES** of a shepherd is to take care of his sheep. Having grown up on a farm and **RANCH**, I learned that lesson well as it relates to **CATTLE**. We didn’t raise sheep, but the lessons still apply. A **RANCHER’S GREATEST CONCERN** for his animals is that they always have food and water. If a rancher places his cattle in a pasture where there is no grass and there is no water available, I can **assure you** that the cattle will

get sick and die. The cattle are **totally dependent** upon the rancher.

IN LIKE MANNER, sheep are dependent upon their shepherd. It is the shepherd’s responsibility to make sure that his sheep have **grass to eat** and **water to drink**.

- S **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING, CHRISTIANS ARE GOD’S “SHEEP.” GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD.** Our shepherd **has promised** sufficient and abundant supply for our every need.
- C (Php 4:19), “But my God shall supply **all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
- C (Mt 6:30), “Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he not much more clothe you*, O ye of little faith?”
- C (Psa 84:11), “For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: **NO GOOD THING WILL HE WITHHOLD** from them that walk uprightly.”
- C (John 15:7), “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ASK WHAT YE WILL**, and it shall be done unto you.”
- C (Mat 6:33), “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and **ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED** unto you.”
- 1) **THE WIFE OF A DECEASED PROPHET** found herself in debt. The debt collector was going to take her two sons and make them slaves in order to pay off her debt. She cried out to the prophet **ELISHA**. Elisha asked what she had in her house. She told him she only had one pot of oil. Elisha instructed her to go collect several empty pots from her neighbors and take them to her house. She was to shut her door, take her one pot of oil and begin pouring the oil into the other pots. From her one pot of oil she filled all the other pots. The oil did not stop flowing until all the pots were full. She

sold the oil and her debt was covered. The Good Shepherd provided for His sheep. (2 Kings 4)

- 2) **ELIJAH** needed food to survive a great drought that God had sent to the land of Israel. Elijah also needed protection from King Ahab. God told Elijah to go to the brook Cherith. God told him to drink from the brook. God also told him that ravens would bring food for him to eat. Sure enough, the ravens brought him bread and meat in the mornings and in the evenings. The Good Shepherd provided for His sheep. (1 Kings 17:6)
- 3) Sometimes it is not food or money that we need. Sometimes we need **GRACE TO ENDURE**. WHEN **PAUL** was burdened under A **PAINFUL THORN OF THE FLESH**, God gave him **GRACE**.
(2 Cor 12:7-9), "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a **thorn** in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. {8} For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. {9} And he said unto me, **MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE**: for **MY STRENGTH IS** made perfect in weakness. **MOST GLADLY** therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."
- 4) (Phil 1:6), "Being confident of this very thing, that **HE WHICH HATH BEGUN** a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Abundant *Peace* comes when we understand, and accept, the promises of God. "Our future is as bright as the promises of God" (Adoniram Judson).

- #1. GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT **GRACE**
- #2. GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT **PEACE**

#3. GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT JOY

(Ne 8:10), "... The joy of the LORD is your strength."

- S **PAUL AND SILAS** had been beaten and placed in jail. At 12:00 midnight they were **singing** (Acts 16:25). They could not contain their joy. God sent an earthquake as if to say, *Amen* to their song. The jail cell opened and they led the jailer to the Lord.

- S WHEN **PAUL** WROTE the wonderful little Book of **PHILIPPIANS**, he was under arrest, awaiting trial and possible execution. Listen to his joy:

C (Phil 4:4), "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

- S **JESUS** STOOD ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND SAID:

C (Jn 7:37-38), "... If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall **flow rivers of living water**."

C The characteristic of a river is that it *continually receives* and it *continually gives*. Stop either one and it stops being a river.

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IV. THE SUPPLY FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE ABUNDANT CHRISTIAN LIFE:

#1. ACCEPT JESUS AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD and SAVIOR

(Jn 1:12), "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:"

- S Do you have eternal life right now?
- S The doctrine of *universalism* is not biblical.

#2. BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

(Eph 5:18), “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**”

- S** When a person is given *eternal life*, **THE HOLY SPIRIT** takes up **residence** in his life.
- C** **(John 14:17)**, “. . . He dwelleth with you, and **SHALL BE IN YOU.**”
- C** **(1 Co 6:19)**, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost **which is in you**, . . .”
- S** The Bible says to be **“FILLED”** with the Spirit. When we received Jesus as Lord and Savior, He gave all of Himself to us. The problem is that many times we do not give all of ourselves to Him. We try to make room for other things. As long as we reserve rooms in our life for loyalties higher than Christ, then we will not be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to be filled with God when the rooms of our heart are occupied by other tenants.
- S** The Book of **GALATIANS** tells us to *walk in the Spirit*. Part of understanding what something is, is to understand what it is not. The opposite of walking in the Spirit is walking in the flesh.
- (Ga 5:16)**, “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”
- Galatians gives a list of the fruits of the *flesh*. If we are manifesting the *fruits of the flesh*, then we are *not filled with the Spirit*. When we are filled with the Spirit, then we manifest His character.

S THE HOLY SPIRIT **MINISTERS TO THE BELIEVER IN AT LEAST SIX WAYS:**

- #1. HE **EQUIPS US WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS** (1 Cor 12:4)
- #2. HE **GIVES US DIRECTION FOR LIFE** (Acts 13:2, Barnabas & Saul)
- #3. HE **COMFORTS US IN TIMES OF TRIAL** (John 16:7)
- #4. HE **PRAYS FOR US** (Rom 8:27)
- #5. HE **EMPOWERS US FOR SERVICE** (Acts 1:8)
- #6. HE **ENABLES CHRISTIAN CHARACTER** (Rom 15:16; Gal 5:22-23)

- S** When a Christian is full of the Holy Spirit, that Christian is given the supernatural capacity to manifest the **FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**.
- (Ga 5:22-23)**, “But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,** ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

#3. HEED GOD’S WORD

(Mt 7:24), “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:”

- S** That “rock” is the Word of God.

(John 15:7), “If ye abide in me, and **MY WORDS** abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

(1 Cor 2:9), “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”