

# **NO OTHER FOUNDATION!!!**

## **1 Corinthians 3:11**

Paul wrote to the Corinthians that Jesus Christ is the only foundation by which mankind can build and receive the forgiveness of sins.

### **MAN CAN'T DO IT!**

- A. I can't - My sin is like mud on my windshield
  - a. "My sin is ever before me" (Psl. 51:3)
  - b. All human efforts end in uncertainty!
- B. The best of history can't - not even Moses & Elijah  
They came to meet with Jesus, and GOD said "Hear Him." and made Moses and Elijah disappear(Mt. 17:1-8)
- C. The Angels can't - "No angel could His place have taken, highest of the high though he!"

Heb. 1:4-6 - Christ is My Son...let the angels worship him!  
1:8-14-Anointed above His peers, He's eternal, sit's at God's right  
1:7,14-Angels are ministering servants of the saved

### **ONLY GOD CAN!**

- A. He is both the Complainant, and the Judge
  - a. "Against thee and thee only have I sinned" (Psl. 51:4)
- B. He promised that He would act in our behalf
  - a. "I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more" (Jer. 31:34).
  - b. "Come now, and let us reason together", says the Lord. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool" (Isa. 1:18).
- C. He paid the price through His Son - John 3:16 - He did what Abraham was not allowed to do!

- D. Only Jesus was the Divine God/Man redeemer in whom all the fullness of the Deity dwelt - "Giving thanks to the Father...for he delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And He is the image of the invisible God, the first born in all creation...For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete..." (Col. 1:12-15, 2:9-10).
- D. There is no other way! - Jesus, in the garden 3 times asked if there was another way, and His Heavenly Father said no, and sent an angel to minister to Him (Mk. 14:32-36, Mt. 26:37-44, Lk. 22:43)! See John 14:6
- E. He did it! He completed His mission successfully and paid the whole price with nothing left over to be done - "He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay, I needed someone to wash my guilt away. So now I sing a brand new song, "AMAZING GRACE", Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay" - 11 Cor. 5:17-21
- F. That is why there can be no other foundation!!!

### **BUT SATAN HAS NOT GIVEN UP!**

- A. We are warned to be on the lookout for him - "Woe to the earth and the sea; because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time...and the dragon (Satan) was enraged...and went off to make war with (those) who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus" (Rev. 12:12-17).
- B. We need not be uninformed as to the way Satan conducts his warfare "We are not ignorant of his schemes" (2 Cor. 2:11, also 1 Cor. 10:13)
- C. How Satan attacks:
  - a. Materialism
  - b. Media
  - c. Education
  - d. Religion - Specifically through pluralism and syncretism
- D. Examples:
  - a. Religious leaders to speak falsely in behalf of God

- b. Postmodernism which makes all of us free to do as we please
- c. Religions who speak that which we delight to hear
- d. Attempts to destroy the validity of Biblical claims

**SO...LET US GO OUT TO BATTLE!**

A. Because the battle will not be fought in our church buildings - but out in the world in individual lives. If we try to carry out the warfare in our church buildings, we will have already lost the battle.

B. The battle is a cosmic battle - Eph. 6:12 - "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

C. BUT, WE HAVE THE SPIRITUAL ATOMIC BOMB! Eph. 6:10-18

- a. We are strong in the strength of His might (10)
- b. We will be able to stand firm - (13)
- c. We've our own Patriot anti-missile missile against Satan's scuds, it is the SHIELD OF FAITH which can extinguish Satan's flaming missiles (16)
- d. We've the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, Jesus' weapon of choice (Rev. 19:15), the WORD OF GOD!

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