

Let's say you were planning to **build a house**. What would you need?

Well, a **plan & blueprints** are a start. And **good building materials**. But when you actually build, if you don't have a solid foundation to build your house upon, all the planning and materials will be wasted!

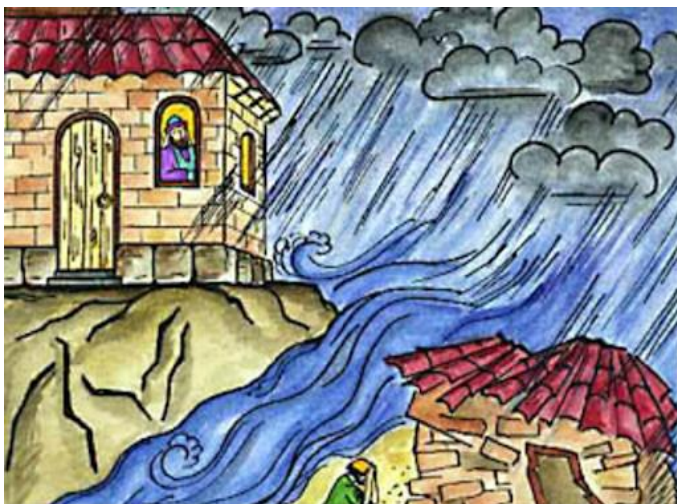
The foundation matters — not just in building a house but in building your **life**, which is *like* a house. And like a house, your life is secure *only when* it is built on a **solid foundation**.

In the Bible, the **Lord Jesus** said, "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, **like a person who builds a house on solid rock**."
(Matthew 7:24)



Why did Jesus put such importance on **listening & following** His teaching? He said, "Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it **won't collapse** because it is **built on bedrock**." (Matthew 7:25)

Jesus wants you to be able to **stand strong**, even when life gets hard and challenges come against you. If your life is built on Him - who is the Rock - you'll be able to stand when others are being swept away.



What did Jesus teach us? He proved that He is the **Son of Almighty God**. Our **Saviour** from the penalty of our sins. Our sins — the bad things we have done or thought — condemn us to a terrible place of suffering after we die. That place is called **Hell**, and **the Lake of Burning Fire**. Only **Jesus** can rescue us from it!

Jesus **never sinned**, so when He died for *our* sins and rose from the dead, God the Father accepted his sacrifice as a **perfect payment** on our behalf.

When we commit ourselves to Jesus, we join His family — and we will spend eternity with Him **in Heaven** instead of **Hell**.

>> **Heaven is magnificent!** <<

When we build our life on the Rock, we walk with the Lord. We study and obey His Word (the Holy Bible). We are filled with **God's Holy Spirit** and we love God. We love others and tell them about Jesus. Our lives become fruitful — overflowing with **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control**. We become diligent in all that we do.

Life is satisfying when it is built on the Rock.

But many people don't want to build upon the Rock. Jesus said, "Anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, **it will collapse** with a mighty crash." (Matthew 27:26-27)

Will your house stand?

