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## ARE YOU BUILDING A HOME?

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:10-11)

There is only one home that will stand the storms of time and that is a home that is founded upon the firm rock and that rock is Christ Jesus. Jesus said He was to build His church upon the fact (rock) that He was the Christ, the Son of the Living God. This He accomplished! His blood was shed to purchase the church (Acts 20:28). Jesus came to earth, lived among men, suffered persecutions, and died that man might have the opportunity to prepare himself for a future home in Heaven with the Father.

To build upon the firm foundation of Christ, one must hear His words and obey them. Jesus put this teaching into the lesson about the wise and the foolish builders. (Matt. 7:24-27) He states that the one that heard His teachings and did

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old when their son Isaac was born. (Genesis 17:17)

Paul baptized Crispus, Gaius, and the household of Stephanas according to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:14-16.

## QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH:

What king of Judah witnessed the execution of his sons and then had his own eyes put out before being taken into captivity in Babylon?

What is the name of the Christian that Paul left his cloke with at Troas? (Who was instructed to bring this cloke to Paul and what else was he supposed to bring as well?)

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them was like unto the man that built his house upon the rock and the storms of life came and the house stood, because it was founded upon the rock; but the one that heard His teachings and did them not was like unto the man that build his house upon the sand and the storms came and the fell, because it was built upon the sand. So today, the man that hears the words of Christ and obeys them is the one that is building his home upon the firm foundation that will stand the trials and tribulations of time. This home will last on into eternity, when one day we stand before the great Judge and receive our reward, if we have been obedient to Him.

Yet, with this teaching so plain in the pages of God's Word, many are seeking to build upon the weak and beggarly

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things of this world. And just as surely as one builds upon these things, just that surely the building will fall when put to the great test.

Upon what are you building? Are you seeking to build upon that firm foundation? This can be done only by studying and obeying the Words of the New Testament of Christ. Let us seek to build for eternity by putting our trust (and obedience) in Christ.

Jack Thompson

### IS INFANT BAPTISM TAUGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES?

The answer to this question is "NO!" There is not a "direct command, approved Apostolic example, or a necessary inference" that teaches infant baptism. Therefore infant baptism is not of God, but is a man-made religious practice. Since "baptism is for the remission of sins" according to Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16, babies do not qualify to be baptized, for they have no sins. Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." Furthermore, since "confessing Christ with the mouth" is a pre-requisite to baptism (Acts 8:35-39/Romans 10:10), and babies cannot speak, once again they do not qualify for baptism. According to Deuteronomy 1:39, there is a time in a person's life when they have no "knowledge between good and evil." In that state they are "innocent before God." That is why the little children were allowed to go into the promise land when their parents were not. Small children and infants that die go to Heaven to be with God forever!