

**Scripture**

Mat 7<sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these words of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:  
<sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.  
<sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:  
<sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

► The issue of ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ is always the foundational issue for any person, institution, or society?

► What are the only two foundations?

► What is the relationship between Christ’s words and the Scriptures?

the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. [NASB]

► Jesus being the incarnate Word & the perfect man, we tend to assume Scripture was \_\_\_\_\_

for him, and yet he was preeminently a man of Scripture:

— As a boy (Lk 2.46-47)

— Throughout his ministry and at every crisis point, for example, when tempted by the devil (Mt 4.1-10).

— When hanging on the cross (Mt 27.46).

Ps 22<sup>1</sup> My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? ...  
<sup>9</sup> But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts ...  
<sup>11</sup> Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help ...  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint ...  
<sup>16</sup> For ... the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet ...  
<sup>18</sup> They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup> But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! ...  
<sup>21</sup> ... You have answered Me.  
<sup>22</sup> I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You ...  
<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.  
<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the LORD’s, And He rules over the nations.

— After his resurrection.

Lk 24<sup>15</sup> So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.  
<sup>16</sup> But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him ...  
<sup>27</sup> And ... He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself ...  
<sup>32</sup> And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us ... while He opened the Scriptures to us?”  
<sup>33</sup> So they rose up ... and returned to Jerusalem, and found the [disciples] ...  
<sup>36</sup> Now ... Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them ...  
<sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

— And the apostles followed Jesus’ example (Acts 17.2-3, 11).

John 1<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.  
<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ...  
<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Heb 1<sup>1</sup> God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,  
<sup>2</sup> in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.  
<sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

John 8<sup>56</sup> “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”  
<sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”  
<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

1Cor 10<sup>1</sup> [O]ur fathers ...  
<sup>4</sup> ... all drank ... from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

1Pet 1<sup>10</sup> As to this salvation, the prophets ... made careful searches and inquiries,  
<sup>11</sup> seeking to know what person or time

► Jesus' ministry was focused on bringing reformation and revival by preaching the \_\_\_\_\_, restoring what they actually meant, and how his life, death, resurrection, & ascension would fulfill and bring about the salvation they taught.

► R & R was needed because, in the name of explaining and applying Scripture, the scribes and Pharisees had placed something else on par with Scripture, namely the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the elders." The effect was to subordinate and supplant Scripture.

*Mt 15<sup>1</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees ... came to Jesus, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." <sup>3</sup> He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' <sup>5</sup> But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"— <sup>6</sup> then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. <sup>7</sup> Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: <sup>8</sup> 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*

— Whenever we place something on \_\_\_\_\_ with Scripture, the result will always be to subordinate and supplant Scripture.

— Our attitude toward Scripture is our attitude toward \_\_\_\_\_.

► Jesus took a hammer & chisel and knocked off all the man-made teachings obscuring & perverting Scripture. It sounded new, but everything Jesus said came from Scripture.

— "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5.5) is a quote of Psalm \_\_\_\_\_.

— "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you" (Mt 5.43), is from Prov \_\_\_\_\_.

— The Golden Rule, "Whatever you want others to do to you, do also to them" (Mt 7.12) is a restatement of Lv \_\_\_\_\_, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

► We see these same lessons in \_\_\_\_\_ history.  
— What did the Pope and the Church of Rome put on par with Scripture?

— What was the Reformers' view of church authority?

*1Tm 3<sup>15</sup> the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

— What was the Reformers' answer to the "divine right" of Popes and kings, and later parliaments and "the People"?

► What did the Enlightenment place on par with Scripture?

► Did that foundation hold up?

*"[Objective truth] is a remnant of the idea that the world is a divine creation, the work of someone who had something in mind, who Himself spoke some language in which He described His own project." Richard Rorty, Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity (Cambridge University Press, 1989), p. 21.*

*"There's No Such Thing as Free Will (But We're Better Off Believing in It Anyway)" Stephen Cave, The Atlantic, June 2016.*

► What we must do is follow \_\_\_\_\_ example.