

The Rock – Building on the Rock – Pastor Bill Gunderson – 7-31-22

1. Have you ever been to the House on the Rock in Spring Green, WI? If so what are your thoughts about it?
2. Have you ever seen it rain enough to flood? If so, share your experience.

Matthew 7:24-25 - "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

3. What does it mean to you to build your life on the Rock?
4. What are the results of building your life on the Rock?
5. In what ways are you tempted to not build your life on the Rock?
6. Pastor Bill said that "complacency is a killer". What areas of your life is it easy to be complacent?

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 - ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

7. What happens to the things we do as Christians that aren't built on Jesus the Rock?
8. What happens to the things that we do building on Christ as the Rock?
9. What kinds of things are the 'gold, silver & costly stones' that we read about here?
10. What kinds of things are the 'wood, hay or straw' that we read about?
11. What do you think reward in heaven is going to look like?

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Romans 14:10 - You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister^[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

Revelation 22:12 - "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

12. How do you think that our reward in heaven impacts our experience in heaven?
13. What is one area of your life you might be able to live more connected to Christ, knowing that your life now will matter in eternity?
14. What is one thing you can do this week to be continually building your life on the Rock?