



"For no one can lay a **FOUNDATION** other than that which is laid, which is **JESUS CHRIST.**
- 1 Corinthians 3:11



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- I. What you have been given is precious and is under attack. v. 12
 - A. The gospel is sufficient. Stay focused there!
 - B. The gospel has been lived. Live it now!
- 1. Can you articulate the gospel?
- 2. Are you conscious of how that gospel affects each moment of each day of your life?
- 3. Can you identify other gospels that daily threaten the gospel?

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II. Time is Short. vv. 13-14

III. Maintain gospel-driven life for the rest of your life. v. 15

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“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 “All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; Matthew 25:31–32

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“Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they **see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”**

Matthew 16:28

And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they **see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”**

Mark 9:1

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Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son,** who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, **4** who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, **5** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 1:1-5

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Can you think of hindrances to paying attention to God's Word this way?

- Don't see it
- I see another Light (lost in the descriptive words)
- Settling for less than transcendency
- Own finite minds limiting
- Cultural/political rubric instead of God's own witness
- Looks like following God but missing God who is beyond our own loves & agendas
- We are the "gods" through who's lens we interpret the Word
- Failing to see greatness & goodness of God in revealing Himself to us at all Rom 1
- Don't love God enough to see supremacy of Christ. ~Heb.12:1-2
- Sloppy with listening, interpreting and not thinking deeper about context of these words

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We must not in practice deny our allegiance to the authority of the Word of God by saying we believe it while continuing to live according to what is right in our own eyes.

Burk Parsons

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Can you think of dangers of focusing too much on either the divine or human writing of Scripture?

■ *Divine:*

- See power of God to work in individual lives
- Head covering
- Perhaps not relate to Scripture

■ *Human:*

- Can discount the writer's opinion as opinion
- Forget God used people
- Pick and choose what you want

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The authority of Scripture is greater than the comprehension of the whole of man's reason.

Martin Luther

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“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Revelation 22:16

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We are pay attention to God's Word, trusting the witnesses He has given us in a way that focuses on rightly interpreting and living God's Word with an eye to the Day of the Lord. How should this affect us? How might this be different than how we live or approach God's Word?

- Intentionally in communion with God
- Keep us from living without hope (i.e. Bogged down by sin or circumstance) by making us look beyond (frees from stuck or disappointment)
- Keep us from merely looking to scripture to solve problems or to give "blessing for today"
- This focuses on what happens after this life is over - beyond today and our life and this world
- Fuels perseverance by giving joy Heb. 12:1-3