

“Jesus is our Firm Foundation”

Jesus is Series (Week 1)

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S: 2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NKJV) “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

O: We have the promises of God that give us hope and peace and confidence, no matter what we face in our lives.

Intro:

- **Welcome** everyone!
 - East Location, Fort Myers Location and everyone joining us Online through our digital platforms.
 - Honor MWK & SJK (Praying for MWK)
 - Thank you for the opportunity to get to share God’s word with our church family.
- **Re-introduce** yourself
 - One of our Executive Pastors and I serve as our CA Pastor.
 - Lisa, Roman & Judah (Pandi Baby) – not a panda baby.

Tension

Wow - what a week we have had church...

- Election (emotionally charged, TENSION)
- On-going pandemic and numbers rising
- Storm (potentially)

- **JUDAH POOP ON MY HAND. Started eating real food (FUNNY)**

A week that may have left us UNCERTAIN, maybe UNSURE and with plenty of opportunities to lose our CONFIDENCE... (DIAPER JOKE)

But I have GOOD NEWS for all of us, we can have and find CONFIDENCE because of God's word and in the fact that HIS Word tell us that JESUS IS OUR FIRM FOUNDATION.

- This means that no matter we may face in our lives, in our world, in our country... Jesus is a firm foundation on which we can stand firm and secure in our lives.

Today, I want to share 4 promises from Jesus which give us hope and peace and confidence!

PRAY →

INVITE

Church, I want to invite you to go to the book of *2 Corinthians 1:20-22* if you have your bible.

- If you don't have a bible that's ok, we will have the verses on the screen.

I want to encourage you to take notes, so that you can review that this week and be reminded of what God spoke to you today.

Let's read...

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NKJV) "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

I'd like to point out something important about this scripture before we dive into these amazing promises from God...

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV) For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

- Amen = "Let it be so."
- So this scripture saying that God's promises we are about to read are Yes...Our part is the AMEN (agreeing with his promise)

I want to share 4 promises from this passage that are ours in Jesus:

1. He Establishes Us.

When you look up this word in the original language in which it was written it means:

- Literal → To walk where it is solid! Reliable – guaranteed. Fully Reliable!

What does this mean?

- We have a God who gives us solid, secure footing, even in unsure times. In other words when Jesus is the Lord of our lives He is our firm foundation.

ILL - Walking on Pavement vs walking on Sand

- Going to the beach with cooler, chair, umbrella...

Everything is good and normal on that pavement until you hit that sand... FUNNY WALK

MIP:

That's the difference between walking on the FIRM FOUNDATION that is Jesus and when we are not doing so.

- No matter what life brings – relational turmoil, loss of work, a crazy election, storms in life literal and figuratively, or A BAD EXPLOSIVE DIAPER - when Jesus

and His Word are your foundation you can walk secure like on the pavement. But life gets really unstable when we have the same issues and walk without him like in the sand.

Here is what we need to know church...We can have confidence this week because our footing is established in Christ!

- Not circumstantial footing, but God's word footing!

Amen? (come on say let it be so)

2. He Anoints Us.

When you look up this word in the original language in which it was written it means:

- Literally → **Empowered by the Holy Spirit!** Divinely Authorized!

ILL – MOBILE DEVICE- When your phone is not plugged in... It's a shell of potential **until it is plugged in.**

MIP:

God has given every one of us purpose but in our own strength we are going to struggle!

- **IF we try to go through this life and do things on our own strength,** through the difficulties of life, we are like that mobile device with so many things it could do but with no power.
 - **Many of us might be feeling discouraged, uncertain and just in LOW place,** but the good news is that the HOLY SPIRIT is power boost when you get low...
 - He can give you strength,
 - Expand your capacity
 - Give you ideas and wisdom

We have ALL WE NEED in HIM!

He has anointed you to be who you are at work...

- to be a mom a dad ...
- business leader...
- students and athletes...
- to live for Jesus because we are plugged into the power source, we have all that we need to get the job done!

Church family, Jesus has given us His Holy Spirit so that we can go through whatever we face and still have a firm foundation.

Amen? (come on say let it be so)

3. He Seals Us.

When you look up this word in the original language in which it was written it means:

- Literally → **Attest Ownership**. In other words, **CERTIFIED OWNERSHIP**.

ILL – Let me illustrate. Any one ever seen the pirates of the Caribbean movies? If you haven't that's ok. In the old days people who were in places of authority would have a **Signet Ring**.

- What they did is they would write their official letter in a scroll and then they would take hot wax and place that over the seal of the scroll or letter **and then they take the signet ring (with their official signature stamp/family) to officially SEAL or CLOSE the document.**
- This meant that whatever was inside of it (decree or letter) **was certified and protected** by that seal from anyone changing it, or reading it until it arrived to its rightful recipient!
- It meant that document was owned and certified by whoever put that signet ring stamp on it.

And what that means to us today, **is that by the Holy Spirit, God attests/certifies ownership over us!** This means that when we enter into a relationship with Jesus, when we have placed our faith in Him, **it means that we belong to God!** And GOD seals and protects what is HIS. That is how God feels over us!

ILL – You see, we protect what is ours...

- Guitars (saved over the years)

- Special cases, I clean them, change their strings, I seldomly let anyone play them because they are special to me and are valuable to me... I'm weird, I've even named them lol

MIP:

That is the same way God protects you, in fact, even more than that! We are his children!

Church, here is what you need to know. **God is protecting you!** You need to know that is **how God feels about you.**

He gives us security in the midst of these difficult times. Remember HE is our FIRM FOUNDATION!

Amen? (come on say let it be so)

4. He Gives us the Holy Spirit and a pledge.

When you look up this word in the original language in which it was written it means:

- Literally (pledge) → to give a **down payment** or a **guarantee!**

That's what the Holy Spirit is also in our lives!

God in his infinite sovereignty gave us the holy spirit inside of us when we got saved as his as a **guarantee of his presence with us now (like we talked about earlier) but most importantly, for our**

garnateed future home in heaven ...

(Getting their eyes off present circumstance)

Let me remind you church that this life is but a moment in light of ETERNITY. Remember that there is a life to come! This is a pregame for eternity!

Church Family, this life is not all there is!

- this world is NOT the end!

- Whatever has happened this week, this year, in this election, this pandemic, this job issue, or jobless issue, this financial issue or in my case this week THIS DIAPER ISSUE, is but a momentary thing!!**
- God is trying to set us to stop living for the temporary & start living for the eternal!**

This Life Matters as much as it matters to eternity! (SAY IT TWICE) We need to get this!

2 Corinthians: 17- 18 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Don't let you heart be troubled church...

- REMEMBER these promises are YES and AMEN.**
- And, we can walk through whatever life brings us secure and confident, especially about our future →**
 - because JESUS IS OUR FIRM FOUNDATION!**

SALVATION (If time allows it)

PRAY → Father, Thank you for this word. May it bless and strengthen your church. Amen.