



Who Can Stand?

PART 16

Introductions

Let's get started by sharing our names and answering this question: *[Provide introductions as necessary and choose your own question].*

Songs of Praise

Let's begin our time singing to the Lord. *[Sing additional songs if you prefer. Contact the church office for copies of our church songbooks.]*

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath
said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

George Keith, 1787

Church News

- College Students: JMU Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) welcomes you to their large group, Wednesday nights, 8PM at The Union 256.
- Women's Breakfast, Oct. 18th 8:30-10AM

Study

[This guide utilizes the Sunday sermon notes, please [click this link](#) to access them.]

Q: Would someone read aloud Revelation 6:12-17?

We are situated in John's vision of the history of the church age with particular emphasis on the experience of God's judgment. The seals, and the trumpets and bowls (yet to come), are recapitulating the same history from three different vantage points.

Q: How is the inevitability of God's judgment (v.12ff) comforting?

Q: How is the goodness and righteousness of

God displayed in his final judgment?

Q: What is the reaction of the masses to the cosmic events in the final judgment (vv15-17)? Why?

The idolatry of humanity is the fundamental sin of men and women. It is expressed in the willful attachment to created things rather than a willful dependency upon the Creator.

Q: How do the masses prove their idolatry in verses 15-17?

Q: Is it possible to practice idolatry without knowing it? In other words, is it possible for one thing to be idolatrous to one person but not to another? Explain.

In the final judgment, the masses cry out, "Who can stand?"

Q: Is there anyone who *can* stand the judgment? If so, how?

We learned Sunday that the expectation for believers in the midst of the coming final judgment is not a stoic detachment. Rather it is having confidence that God will bring everything to its proper end. Being courageous means telling the truth in a culture of lies.

Q: Where do you see yourself needing to tell the truth in a culture of lies? Are there other areas you see the need for courage?

Q: Similar to the previous question, why is it important for Christians to be light (Mt 5:14)? What does this practically look like for you in this season of your life?

Prayer

[Take time to pray - men with men, and women with women.]

Notes...

¹ Christ has stood the final judgment through his death and proved it by his resurrection from the dead. The gospel is the only means through which a sinner can stand by faith the final judgment.