

Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

II Corinthians 1:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Now He Who Establishes Us...

- Establishes: to make firm, to make stable, steadfast.
- Passive – someone else is establishing us

...Sealed us and Gave us the Spirit...

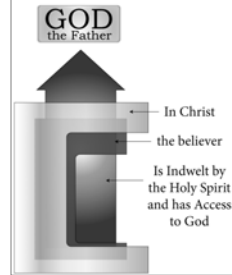
- Historically the king's seal was a sign of authenticity of a document. In this case we have the God of the universe's seal upon us
- As if that wasn't enough we have received His Holy Spirit to indwell us

Ephesians 2:18-22

For through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

We All Have Access...

The Trinity & the Believer



- No longer strangers
- No longer aliens

Fellow Citizens with the Saints

- Fellow Citizens: Covers the whole church, exclusive only to the non-believer
- Unity in the body of Christ comes from recognizing this common relationship
- Sibling rivalry shouldn't exist in God's household

1 Corinthians 3:9b-11

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

You are God's Building

- God has the blueprint: Christ (Romans 8:29)
- God has the perfect foundation: Christ
- God has the perfect builder: the Holy Spirit
- God has the perfect materials

If a Man Builds on That Foundation...

- There are two types of materials [or works]:
 - Quality material
 - Junk materials
- Those materials will be tested for quality
 - Quality materials will stand the test
 - Junk materials will be burned away

The Believer Will Be Rewarded

If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

Salvation is Not in Question!

If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.