

American Faith: Shifting Sand

"But Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.'" Matthew 22:29 (English Standard Version)

Matthew 7:26,27 - A _____ should not be built on _____.

A Consumer Mentality Drives Many Churches

- A. This is what drives _____ businesses; "the _____ is always _____". Some churches operate in this way.
- B. The unchangeable word of God should drive the church:
1. John 6:26,27 - The people came to Jesus because of the _____ He had given them. That didn't please Him.
 2. John 8:31,32 - We are Jesus' _____ if we _____ in His _____. The _____ will set us _____.
 3. Romans 12:1,2 - Don't be _____ to the _____; be _____ by the _____ of your _____.

Evolving Doctrines Are Characteristic Of Many Churches

- A. Views have changed in some churches on the subject of _____, and the acceptability of _____.
- B. Does the church have a shiftable foundation?
1. Matthew 22:29,31 - They were _____ because they didn't know the _____. "Have you not _____ ...?"
 2. Galatians 1:6-9 - If anyone _____ a _____ gospel, they are _____.
 3. 1 Timothy 3:14,15 - The church is the _____ and the _____ of the truth.

A Passive Faith Characterizes Many Churches

- A. Is it enough to _____ worship, take the _____'s _____, and put something in the _____ basket?
- B. Why passive faith is like shifting sand:
1. Ephesians 2:19,20 - _____ is the _____ of the church. His example is one of _____ others.
 2. John 15:1,2 - As _____ we are to bear _____.
 3. James 1:27 - _____ and _____ religion is to help those who are in _____.

Matthew 7:24,25 - The _____ builder is the one who _____ the words of Jesus and _____ them.

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