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THE HOUSE BUILT ON THE ROCK

This Florida beachfront house, anchored on pilings sunk 40' into the ground, withstood 155-mph winds while others were destroyed.

Unless we change, much of “church” as we know it as individuals and as assemblies, will soon be blown down too.

Many who claim to be Christians are trusting in having their name on a membership list, going to church, having correct doctrine, and avoiding certain sins, but according to Jesus that is like building a house on sand.



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DOING

He said: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” Mt. 7:24-47 esv

Aren't we often satisfied with hearing mans' preaching, but ignoring the need to “do” Jesus' clear commands about following Him in holiness and mission, and about being on the alert for His coming?

WHEN, IF . . .

When you “go to church,” ask God to show you how much of what happens there actually represents the Mt. 16:18, love and obedience-based Church that Jesus is building.

If we love the Church, and our “home church,” maybe after having our own time of confession, repentance and refocusing we should pray that our “houses” that are built on sand would begin to topple, to warn us of what is coming.

The only safe way is to build our house on the words of Jesus. The reward for that, for now and eternity, far exceeds anything it will cost us. And it will.

Am I a bearer of bad news or good news?

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