Text: Matthew 7

1. Hearing Isn't Enough -It's the Doing That Counts (Matthew 7:24a; James 1:21-25)

Matt. 7:24a 6 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them

James 1:21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

<sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

<sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

# 2. The Foundation (Christ) is Everything! (Matthew 7:24b-25)

Matt. 7:24bwill be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

<sup>25</sup> 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.

3. The World's Sandcastles
Eventually Crumble
(Matthew 7:26-27)

Matt. 7:26 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.

<sup>27</sup> 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."

4. Jesus' Teaching Wasn't Performance-Based - It was Mind-Blowing, Persuasive, and The Last Word! (Matthew 7:28-29)

Matt. 7:28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,

<sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

