

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

I. Ps 11:3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

A. FOUNDATIONS:

1. Foundations are the support system of which things, buildings, people Family, marriage, society and the church are to build upon
 - a. in order to stand the tests of time & storms of life

B. The RIGHTEOUS:

1. The righteous is in reference to the person / people who have been Born Again
 - a. Those who are in right standing with God, because upon their repentance Jesus Christ forgave and washed away their sin thru the power of His shed Blood
 - (1) 2 Cor 5:21 For He (God The Father) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

C. “If the foundations are DESTROYED”

1. The devil is the destroyer:
 - a. John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
2. **The devil is out to destroy foundations**
 - a. In society
 - b. In family
 - c. in life of the Born Again Believer
 - d. and even in the Church
3. The reason why the devil is out to destroy foundations is found in:
 - a. Ps 11:3 3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?
 1. The answer to that question is: NOTHING !!!!!!!!!!!
 - a. without Foundations:
 - (1) The **Church** can do nothing
 - (2) The **Believer** can do nothing
 - (3) **Society** can do nothing
 - (4) The **Family** can do nothing
 - (a) from stopping the devil from fulfilling his mission on earth:

(1) John 10:10 The thief (devil) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

D. Prov 10:25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

1. This verse teaches us **two powerful truths**:

a. #1 The righteous Born Again Believer are to have a foundation to stand and build upon

b. #2 This foundation is so everlasting that it has the capabilities to withstand the whirlwinds / storms of life

(1) Your **faith** can withstand the storm when you have a biblical foundation

(2) Your **family, marriage, singleness** can withstand the storm when it has a Biblical foundations

(3) The Our **Church** can withstand the storm when it is built upon a biblical Foundation

(4) **Society** and our **nation** can withstand the storm when it is built upon a Biblical foundation

II. When we attempt to build our faith, life, family, marriage, church, society, finances: **without a Biblical Foundations**.....we pay a devastating price

A. Matt 7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

1. vs 24 **Jesus compares The Word of God to a FOUNDATION:**

a. "Therefore whoever hears these **sayings of Mine / Jesus**, and does them"

2. Jesus also promises us that whoever hears & does The Word of God will be Compared to a "**wise man**"

a. Because he laid a FOUNDATION that can withstand the storms of life: vs 25

3. But, Jesus also reveals to us a “**Foolish Man**” in vs 26
 - a. Jesus says he is **foolish because** he has failed to build his faith, life, family, marriage, finances upon the foundation of the word of God
 - b. Jesus compares this to building upon a house upon sand: Note the results:
 - (1) vs 27 “**And great was the fall**”
 - (2) Amp “and great and complete was the fall of it.”
4. That is why the bible declares:
 - a. Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
 - b. Isa 5:13 Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because they have no knowledge;
 - (1) Having a **lack of Bible Knowledge** / Revelation knowledge is like attempting to build a house without a foundation for it to stand upon
 - (a) the devil will: steal, kill & destroy
 - (b) the fall of the house: ...from your faith, family, marriage, church, society, finances”**great was the fall**”

III. Many Believers are **looking in the wrong places for the right thing:**

- A. Their life has been touched by The Lord....they know God has more in store for them
 1. But they limit their search for the Things of God by only looking at:
 - a. the surface
 - b. the exterior
 - c. the fluff
 - (1) and when the storms of life come.....”**great was the fall**”
- B. In the book of Ezra, we find the rebuilding of The Temple.....and a people of God who understand the importance of laying foundations:

Ezra 3:11 And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy,

13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

1. The Old Men who seen the first temple were weeping
 - a. The Younger ones in the congregation were rejoicing
 - (1) They were singing, shouting, rejoicing, laughing weeping over a part of the Temple which they average person would never even noticed when the Temple Was completed: The Foundation
2. “because the **foundation of the house of the Lord was laid**”
 - a. Today most people would not be moved by such deep emotion until all the Beautifications of the exterior of The Temple were completed
 - b. Because we do not understand the importance of the foundation
3. 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 - a. **Are the foundations of the House of God laid in your life?**
 - (1) That is determined by your commitment level to the Local Church:
 - (a) Amp Heb 10:25 Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.
 - (2) The Foundations of God’s House laid in your life determine if your life is submitted to **Spiritual Authority** & thus spiritual authority released into your lifewhich determines whether or not the powers of darkness listen when
 - (a) You speak the name of Jesus
 - (b) or bind and loosen
 - (c) or if sickness & disease obey you as you confess God’s word
 - (1) Matt 8:9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

- (3) The Foundations of God's House laid in your life determine if a **Shepherd / Pastor is watching over your soul**
 - (a) so you do not go astray spiritually
 - (b) pray for you....teach you The Word of God....counsel youencourage you
 - (1) Heb 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls,

(4) The Foundations of God's House laid in your life determine **if the Windows of heaven are opened over your life** & God's Blessing poured out upon your life

- (a) Because your local church is the storehouse & the only place where you can Sow your tithe & experience this degree of blessing

b. When God looks down upon our life, He does not stop at:

- (1) looking at our dance
- (2) hearing our praise

b. Rather: God looks beyond the exterior of man / God looks beyond the surface, the exterior & looks at the foundation: **OUR HEART**

- (1) 1 Sam 16:7 For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart.**"

4. **God always looks at our foundation:**

a. God does not stop at looking at the experience He gave you when you encountered the presence of The Holy Spirit...which was & is a good thing...and thank God for His visitations by the Holy Spirit in our life

b. But God goes beyond looking at the experience & looks to see how much of the Word of God your life is built upon:

- (1) God looks to see if a foundation is in place, so He may build the fullness of His plan & will

(1) Col 3:16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**

- (a) Def **Richly**: abundantly

- C. Our job as Pastors has become very interesting in these “last days”
1. God is faithful to meet & bless His people....with various out pourings, and times of refreshing thru the manifest presence the Holy Spirit
 2. But, as we attempt to Build a Glorious Church for The Lord Jesus Christ
 - a. As we attempt to do a work for God that will touch the lives of people in our community, nation & world
 - b. we see a lack of interest & lack of commitment in this new generation of believers:.....resulting in no foundation in their lives
 - c. The mistake many Pastors then make is:
 - (1) they attempt to go on and build other parts of their vision
 - (2) They attempt to move on and build other areas of the believers life
 - (2) and the results will always be the same when the storms of life manifest:
 - (a) **“great was the fall”**.....when they have not built a foundation
Upon the truths and principles of the Word of God
 3. **So here is what Five Fold Ministry Gifts to the Church must do:**
 - a. Isa 58:12 Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall **raise up the foundations of many generations**; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.
 - (1) When we raise up the foundation:
 - (a) Preach & Teach the Word of God in love, power, conviction & without compromise
 - (b) The anointing of the Repairer of the Breach manifests
 - © The anointing of the Restorer of the Streets manifests
 - (d) Then we can build a life for the glory of God
 4. **Don’t stop with merely attending church....**
 - (1) You must meet Jesus, repent & become Born Again
 - (2) You need to be Baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in Tongues.....so the power of God may flow in & thru your life
 - (3) You must lay a foundation in your life by getting rooted & grounded in The Word of God

IV. One of the main reasons the devil has been able to destroy the foundations of:
The church, lives of the believer, family, marriage, and society

A. is because the devil has got the church to believe the lie of believing that the
Ministry of the Apostle & Prophet is for today:

1. The primary purpose of the ministry of the **Apostle & Prophet** is to be:

FOUNDATION LAYERS

a. Eph 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow
citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Eph 2:20 having been built on the **foundation of the apostles and prophets**,
Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

(1) The life of the Born Again Believer is to be built upon the foundation which
Apostles & Prophets lay down

(2) and then **everything is to line up with the chief corner stone: Jesus Christ**

(a) from our personal relationship with Jesus Christ

(b) to the doctrine we believe and teach

(c) to the life we live

2. Listen to the instructions of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian Church:

a. 1 Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise
master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let
each one take heed how he builds on it.

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is
Jesus Christ.

(1) Paul states that Apostles are wise **master builders**:

(a) They know how to read the blue prints of God's word and build:

(1) a church, a life, the kingdom of God, society, family, marriage with
Biblical foundations

(2) Paul states that Apostles lay foundations.....then we are instructed in vs 10

(a) **"let each one take heed how he builds on it"**

(1) Paul is basically saying we cannot **believe** just anything, what we believe
Must line up with the word

(2) we cannot **do ministry** any way we please....must line up with the Word

(3) we cannot **live** any way we please....must line up with the word

(a) 2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the **solid foundation of God stands**, having this
seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone
who names the name of Christ **depart from iniquity.**"

(1) **“The solid foundation of God stands”**

(a) The Paul reveals to us what makes up a “solid foundation”

(1) Paul is saying that if we are truly Christians / if we have really been
Born Again:

(2) “Let everyone who names the name of Christ” or claims to be a Christian
“depart from iniquity”

(a) or in other words: **HOLINESS** / living a holy life is a solid foundation

(1) It is so Blessed to have the foundation of Holiness that enables us to
Stand in the midst of the storms of life

(2) and have the assurance that when we I call upon the Name of Jesus....
He will hear and answer our cry

(3) no fighting guilt or condemnation from the devil due to living in sin

(3) Paul made sure that His churches built upon a proper foundation:

(a) 1 Cor 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.

(1) Build everything in relation to:

(a) the Person of Jesus / The Doctrine of Jesus

(b) Not Mary, Joseph or any of the so called saints

© Not Allah or Buddha, or good works, or lighting candles

(d) The only foundation anyone can lay....is the same foundation God the
Father laid: Jesus Christ

(1) Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone
for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure
foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

(2) 1 Peter 2:6 "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And
he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

(a) Not any Denomination, not the mason, not the moose lodge, not any
Politician, not the power of money:

(b) 1 Cor 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.

B. Every Church & every Christian must build upon the person of Jesus Christ
And the Doctrine of the early church Apostles laid as a foundation:

1. 2. Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

a. the early church had four major foundations:

(1) Apostle's Doctrine

(2) Fellowship

(3) Breaking of Bread / Communion / Covenant Meal

(4) Prayers

(a) Are these foundations laid in you life?

2. **More Apostolic Foundations of the early church:**

Heb 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let
us go on to perfection, not laying again the

a. **foundation of repentance** from dead works

(1) People do not like to hear the word repent today.....not politically correct

(2) **Jesus said**

(a) Matt 4:17 "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

(b) Mark 1:15 **Repent**, and believe in the gospel."

© Luke 13:3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

(3) The **Apostle Peter** said:

(a) Acts 3:19 **Repent** therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted
out,

(4) have you ever repented from your sins?

(a) not just said I am sorry Lord for my sin

(b) but turned from a sinful lifestyle

(1) John the Baptist said: Luke 3:8 Therefore bear **fruits** worthy of repentance,

(2) 2 Cor 7:10 For **godly sorrow** produces repentance leading to salvation,

b. **faith toward God**

- (1) You have put your trust in The Lord
 - (a) and not yourself or some religious institution
- (2) Faith toward God means that you not only believe God exists
 - (a) But also you look to Him & lean upon Him in all circumstances of life
- (3) Faith toward God means that you live for Him, Love Him, openly worship Him, Boldly confess Him to all people & in all circumstances
- (4) Do you have total assurance today....that you have eternal life?

c. **the doctrine of baptisms**

- (1) **spiritually baptized into the Body of Christ** when Born Again
 - (a) ...making you a Member of the family of God
 - (b) do you have assurance today that you are a child of God
- (2) **water Baptism**
 - (a) Water Baptism is giving a **public testimony** to the world that you have given Your life to Jesus Christ
 - (b) Water baptism is also the place where the Holy Ghost performs spiritual heart Surgery upon us called: **circumcision of our heart**
 - (1) Whereby the power of God is released & the Holy Spirit cuts out that old Fleshly nature and we are buried with Jesus Christ in water Baptism when Placed under the waters of Baptism & raised up out of the waters committed To living for Jesus instead of a life of sin: According to Romans 6:1-14
 - (2) have you been baptized in water since you have been Born Again?
- (3) **Baptism of the Holy Ghost** with the evidence of speaking in tongues
 - (a) Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.
 - (1) Have you been baptized in The Holy Ghost the Bible way:
 - (2) with the evidence of speaking in tongues?

d. **laying on of hands**

- (1) Thru the laying on of hands spiritual impartation takes place :
 - (a) healing the sick
 - (b) casting out devils
 - (c) imparting a Blessing
 - (d) receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit

- (e) confirming the call of God upon church leadership & those called to Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- (f) releasing spiritual gifts
 - (1) Do you practice and partake of the Laying on of hands?
 - (a) Mark 16:17 And these signs will follow those who believe:
 - Mark 16:18 they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

e. resurrection of the dead,

1. Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
 - a. If you are Born Again....resurrection power already dwells within you & upon the return of the Lord Jesus Christ He will quicken our mortal body & raise us from the dead....just as the power of the Holy Spirit raised Jesus Christ from the grave
2. John 5:28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice
 - 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
 - a. Which resurrection will you partake of?
 - (1) the resurrection of life
 - (2) or the resurrection of condemnation

f. eternal judgment.

- (1) there is a heaven and there is a hell
- (2) There is God and there is a devil
- (3) Who you serve (God or the devil) and where you spend eternity (heaven Or hell) and that depends upon the foundation you lay in your life
- (4) The Bible teaches that there are **two resurrections**:
 - (a) The Resurrection of the Born Again Believer, who will stand before the **Judgment Seat of Christ**
 - (1) not to see if they make it to heaven / not to see if they have eternal life Because if you are Born Again...you already have eternal life:
 - (a) John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;

(2) The **Born Again believer** will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ
Not to see if they go to heaven or hell....rather to receive their eternal
Rewards for living & laboring for Jesus:

(a) 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that
every one may receive the things done in his body, according to
that he hath done,

(b) Secondly there is the eternal judgment of the **Great White Throne:**

(1) The Born Again believer does not appear at the Great White throne
Judgment....the sinner does

(a) Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from
whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was
found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and
books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the
Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works,
by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades
delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged,
each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is
the second death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into
the lake of fire.

(1) There is only one way to get you name written in the Book of Life

(2) there is only one means by which all the evil works & sin we committed
Can be erased from these books found in heaven

(a) The Blood of Jesus Christ

(1) has the power to wash away our sin & erase our evil works from these
books

(b) The Blood of Jesus Christ

(1) Is the ink God uses to write our name into the Book of life

(a) all you need to do is to give our life to Jesus today

(b) all you need to do is to call upon the only Name under heaven by
Which man can be saved from their sin: JESUS

V. **God is a FOUNDATION LAYER:**

A. Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not be ashamed or give way or hasten away [in sudden panic].

Amplified Trans.

1. As you look at your life, family, marriage, family, ministry, career:
 - a. Do you see yourself constantly experiencing: “**great was the fall**”
2. Are you finding yourself constantly being put to **shame**
3. Do you find yourself making **hasty decisions** in life...then paying an unwanted price
4. God has laid a foundation upon which we can build:
 - a. a tried & tested foundation
 - b. that can withstand every storm of life
 - (1) It is a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ
 - (2) and the Foundations of truths and principles of the Word of God

B. **Are you Born Again?**.....lay that foundation today

C. **Are you Spirit filled** / Baptized in The Holy Spirit:

1. with the evidence of speaking in tongues
2. moving in the Gifts of The Holy Spirit

D. **If saved:**

1. Have you departed from iniquity....living holy
2. Is the Word of Christ / Word of God richly dwelling within you:
 - a. is your mind renewed with the Word of God
 - b. Does your daily confession....line up with the Word of God?