

WHAT FOUNDATION AM I ON?

THE FOUNDATION (Foundation 23 times in NT.)

I Corin. 3:11-15

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day (Time) shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; (lightning, burning) and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The foundation is Jesus Christ. How are we to build on Christ?

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Jesus Christ is the Word of God. When we are on the foundation, we are on Christ Jesus His Word. We are building a building unto God as a temple for His Spirit to dwell. When we put His Word into our lives as the way we live, meaning His principles are applied to our life style we begin to build a building. If we fail to live by His principles, but we have salvation by His Word in place we will we tried and tested to prove that His Word in us will stand the fire and make us better. Our ideas on what is right will also be tested of the fire and will not carry us through but leave us hurt and discouraged.

Prov. 14:12

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death
Story: example:

Joan was going to see a big show in NYC for her birthday. Her mother was very proud that she had graduated from High School with many honors. She was to pick one friend to go with her to see the biggest show on Broadway. She had three friends that she hung out with depending on how she was feeling. If she felt silly and wanted to get into mischief she would call Eve. If she felt like studying she would call Fran. Fran made straight A's all the time and she would always stop what she was doing to help her with homework. Mary was really her dearest and closest friend because they were in church together and prayed together. They told each other their problems and would work things out according to God's Word. Joan really wanted Eve to go with her to NY because she wanted to have as much fun as she could. She knew that Mary knew about the trip. And there was Fran that pulled her out of failing so many times she felt she should take her, but she would be no fun. She decided to have a tea party and invite Fran and Mary. She did and at the party she told them that her mother wanted to take her on the trip to NYC just the two of them. The girls thought that was really nice and left the tea party with no hard feelings, just happy for Joan. Joan was so happy that she had thought of such a great idea and that all was well. She

called Eve right away and asked her to go with her on an all expense paid trip to NYC. Of course Eve was so happy to say yes. Can you see the fall and hurt that is being set up with this lie? We know that it is only a matter of time before this lie will explode into all kinds of trouble. Yes Joan will repent and be saved but she has suffered lose.

Ps. 120:2-4

Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper (broom with stems).

Here we see the fire of testing coming in to the picture when we do not live by God's Word.

Ps. 87:1-5-6

His foundation is in the holy mountains. And of Zion (Church) it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

John 3: 5-7

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Matt 7:21-27

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; (Church) but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock (Christ). And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand (World): And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Luke 6:49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Luke 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

1 Tim 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

BELIEVE AND KNOW WHO JESUS IS: (10 times in NT)

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

REPENT (24 times in NT)

Luke 13:3

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

A. Forgiving others (28 times in NT)

Matt. 6:9-15

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: ...For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25-26 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Job 42:10-12 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

III. BAPTIZED (61 Times in NT)

Mark 16:16

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;

I Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Eph. 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

IV. THE PROMISE OF THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST (90 Times in NT)

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (Church)

KINGDOM OF GOD God's kingly rule or sovereignty. The Old Testament contains no references to the kingdom of God. However, in the Old Testament God is spoken of as ruling King. What did Jesus mean when he spoke of the kingdom of God? He meant, quite simply, the rule of God. The kingdom of God is the reign of God.

Jesus spoke Aramaic; the Gospel writers translated Jesus' sermons and parables into Greek. Mark, Luke, and John translated Jesus' words as "kingdom of God." Matthew sometimes used this phrase too, but often he preferred to translate Jesus' Aramaic words as "kingdom of heaven." The two phrases mean exactly the same thing,

(From Holman's Bible Dictionary)

V. WHAT CAN TEAR UP OUR FOUNDATION?

Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

THE FOUNDATION

BELIEVE (10 Times In NT)	I AM HE--- John 8:24
REPENT – Luke 13:3 (24 Times in NT)	FORGIVING --- Matt. 6:9-15 8 Times in NT)
BAPTIZED – Mark 16:16 (61 Times in NT)	IN WATER --- Acts 8:28 2 Times in NT)
RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF GIFT– Romans 9 (77 Times in NT)	HOLY GHOST --- Acts 20:28 (90 Times in NT)