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## Foundation Of The Faith

Let's dive into the scripture definition of the foundation of Christ.

- Do not underestimate the importance of having a strong foundation.
- It's one thing to understand the idea of needing a good foundation.
- It's another thing to know what the foundation is and to know how to establish it in your life.

All things in life have a foundation.

- There is a foundation needed for learning a skill, having good character, etc.
- Every healthy family needs a good foundation. Where there is a mother and father in the picture, there is a good foundation.
- When one of those is missing, the family will not function properly.
- How much more is our spiritual walk in need of a foundation?

The word foundation itself gives light to its importance: It is a word that originates from Latin which means:

1. To confirm
  2. To establish, to begin
  3. To lay the bottom or basis
- Many disciples have been firmly established and rooted with a good foundation and are growing in maturity.
  - Sadly, a great number of Christians have not been firmly established on the foundation of God. Some do not even know it's because of a lack of instruction.

There is a quote from a professional foundation repair owner. He said, "If your foundation is weak, everything else built upon it suffers."

## Why Is The Foundation Important?

### **Psalms 127:1**

**Unless the Lord builds a house, they who build it labor in vain;**

1. God is building a house. ***Psalms 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;***
  - a. You are accountable to lay the foundation in order for God's building to be established properly. The foundation you lay will determine the longevity of the house.
2. The house God is building is being built with living stones. Souls that have been transformed into life.
  - a. We each are individual houses being built.

Individually, He is building us up with His Spirit and Truth.

    - i. ***Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up***
    - ii. ***2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,***
    - iii. ***Ephesians 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, ...22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.***

- b. We are together a part of the greater house. Together we are growing to become the temple of God.
  - i. *Ephesians 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord*
  - ii. *1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*
  - iii. *1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God...*

## Why Is God Building?

- God created us all to be His people.
- He created Earth for man to inhabit it and He was King and we were His people.
- We lost that portion of the blessing because Man turned to another way.
  - We were uprooted from His presence. Removed as delegates of His Kingdom.
- God, in His mercy, has made a perfect way to inherit the earth once again but now it will take a new building.
  - A new beginning for each person.
  - We are starting new.
  - A new foundation of man's heart.

## What Is God Building?

- God is building a habitation for a dwelling in the spirit. *Ephesians 2:22*
- He is building us up in righteousness before He establishes His kingdom of righteousness.
  - *Ephesians 2:6-10 ...and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ... 10*

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

- Building us into the image of His Son *Romans 8:29*
- Building us up to be complete for the arrival of King Jesus *1 Peter 1:3-5*

He is Using Christ as the foundation on which we build upon.

With the foundation of the Lord, you are being built up as a spiritual house for a Holy priesthood. A place for the Lord to dwell in.

There are three ways you are being built.

1. The Lord is building you.
  - *Matthew 16:18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.*
2. You are also building yourself through your faith.
  - *Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,*
3. The Body of Christ is building you
  - *1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you also are doing.*

## What Is The Difference Between The Foundation And The Building?

- The foundation laying and the building of the house are two distinct things.
  - *Colossians 2:7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.*

- You can build a house and not have a foundation.
  - *Luke 6:49 But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation; and the river burst against it and it immediately collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”*
- You can lay a foundation and never build a house.
  - *Luke 14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who are watching it will begin to ridicule him,*
- It is very important to have both in this walk

The building comes after laying the foundation of Christ. The building is working out of the words/commands of King Jesus. To love your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And to love your neighbor as yourself.

- Walk, not according to the flesh but of the spirit.
- This is only successful after laying the foundation deep. Though one can build and do these things without the foundation, these deep issues will get tested and the lack of foundation will be exposed.

The foundation must get laid. It will prepare the building for an everlasting structure that will endure until the return of King Jesus.

## Foundational Elements

We find in the Bible written out plainly, six foundational elements that show the principles about Christ. These elements are found in Hebrews 6.

*Hebrews 6:1-2 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of*

*faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and about the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.*

As the scripture states, these elements are directly tied to Christ. These are His teachings. His principles, His oracles.

- He is the foundation.
- He is the cornerstone
- He is the choice stone
- He is placed for our sakes.
- He is creating us to be living stones, choice stones. To build His temple.

## Prophetic Passages

- 1 Kings 5:17 - Costly Stones
  - *1 Kings 5:17 Then the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones.*
- 2 Chron 3:3 - Old Standard
  - *2 Chronicles 3:3 Now these are the foundations which Solomon laid for building the house of God. The length in cubits, according to the old standard, was sixty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.*
- Isaiah 28:16 - Costly cornerstone
  - *Isaiah 28:16 Therefore this is what the Lord God says: “Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a tested stone, A precious cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. The one who believes in it will not be disturbed.*

Christ is the foundation of our faith. *His story, His teachings, His character, His promises.* It is these four categories that Hebrews points out in the elementary elements and this is what we will go over.

- Each one of these elements all points directly to the coming Kingdom of the Lord.
- Without these elements, you will not enter the Kingdom to come.
- These elements are here for His sake, not ours
- He is working you into His temple and that should be the focus.

## From the words of Jesus

*Matthew 7:24-27*

*“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell — and its collapse was great.”*

*Hebrews 3:3-4*

*Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; 2 He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. 3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. 5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; 6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.*

## Some words of wisdom on building your house:

*Proverbs 24:3*

*By wisdom a house is built,  
And by understanding it is established;*

*Jeremiah 22:13-14*

*“Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness*

*Psalms 127:1*

*Unless the Lord builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;*

*Isaiah 51:1*

*“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, Who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.*