

Foundational Truth Series:

Theme verse: (1 Corinthians 3:11) *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Our Existence, Our Lives, Our Values are Founded upon

Jesus Christ: - (John 1:14b) *Full of Grace and Truth.*

Faith is necessary, but faith must be in the correct thing.

Illus: What is your Faith Founded on?

Illus: The tallest building in the world, the Khalifa tower in Dubai, rises more than 2,700 feet—over half a mile tall.

It has 160 floors, is twice as tall as the Empire State Building in New York City.

It has the world's fastest elevator that travels at 40 mph.

The world's highest outdoor observation deck, on 124th fl

The world's highest swimming pool (on the 76th floor).

The secret to the stability of this massive building is found underground.

Before construction began to rise up, workers spent a year digging and pouring the massive foundation that supports the building.

The foundation contains some 58,900 cubic yards of concrete weighing more than 110,000 tons.

The building is safe because the foundation is solid.

Our Lives are to be Founded Upon Christ,

(Luke 6:46-49) *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the **foundation** on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 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.*

Problem: (Ps 11:3) *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*

Our Lives come crashing down!

What is the Foundation of your Faith?

The Church? Your Behavior? Your Sincerely?

(James 1:8) *a double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

The question that separates Christianity from all other Religions? Whom do you say that I am?

This THE BIG ONE!

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

A Good man, Great Teacher, Fool, Myth, God the Son

Why do you believe, what you believe?

You have to get this one right before you die.

You don't get a do over on this one.

It determines your Eternal View. (Heaven or Hell)

Why is this important before you die?

It determines your World View.

(John 1:1)(Gen 1:1) *In the Beginning God!*

(Col 1:16-17) *He is our Creator*

(Ps 14:1) *The Fool ahh said: No God but ME!*

We are to be founded upon Jesus, God the Son, Son of God, Messiah.

*It determines our would view point:
Looking down from Heaven, or looking up from Hell.*

We are to be founded upon Jesus as our Absolute Truth!

Jesus is the Source of All Truth

(John 1:17b) *Grace and **Truth** came by Jesus Christ.*

(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.*

(John 8:32) *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Our Lives are to be Founded Upon Christ, The Living Word - (John 1:1-2,14) *Jesus is the WORD!*

(Rev 19:13) *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

It is possible that the term "word" is used the same manner as does the Old Testament - *“the communication of God to humanity”*.

This is exactly what Jesus did - He revealed to the world the Word of God. (John 1:18) *he hath Declared Him.*

Jesus Christ is the personification of the written and spoken Word.

(John 14:9) *Seen me, hath seen the Father.*

The testimony that God revealed through the prophets during the Old Testament period was now made human with the coming of Christ. Hence the Word became flesh. (Jn 1:14)

In the Old Testament God revealed His word through the prophets while in the New Testament the Word of God was revealed in a Person - God the Son. (Heb 1:1-3)

God was communicating Himself and His Thoughts to us.

Jesus Gave us HIS Word: He said it was HIS.

(John 8:31) *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

Why do we need to revisit these Truths?

We become distracted, & we let things slip.

(Heb 2:1) *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.*

(Like a Boat Slips out of its birth when it's ropes break and floats farther & farther away)

Distracted by the Lusts of the Flesh!

Distracted by the Lust of the Eyes: (Other Things (Shiny))

Distracted by the Pride of Life: Desire to **Be, Have, & Get!**

We are to continue in the things we have been taught.

(2 Tim 3:14) *But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

Have you ever wondered why there are so many differing options about things in side of Christianity?

2nd Big Question: *What authority is the Bible in your life.*
Jesus is the Living Word.

Jesus gave the Word to us.
Jesus told us to Continue in His Word.
The Word of God is Supposed to be our Final Authority!

SO, What Trumps the Bible in your life?

*Your Preferences? Your Favorite Sin? Pleasing the Flesh.
Your Friends or Families Influence? Please Other?*

Is the Bible the final Authority in your life?

*Your Sexual Preference? Worship styles, Entertainment,
Greed? Unforgiveness, Anger, Bitterness?*

Jesus said if we Continue in His word, we would be His disciples. (John 8:31-32) *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Are you HIS Disciple? or YOURS?

Do you continue in His word? The IF part is directed as us!
Who has has the Final Say in your life?

Jesus is King: (Rev 19:16) *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Paul said the scriptures are where we learn doctrine.

(2 Tim 3:16-17) **All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

So the Bible is Our Kings Royal Decrees!

We get to know Our King by reading His Word.

To live contrary to Royal Decree is Treason.
Because we are declaring ourselves King.

God Elevated His word above his own Name: (Ps 138:2)

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Because if His Word is No Good, His Name is No Good.

This is why we are commanded to Preach the Word.

(2 Tim 4:2-4) *Preach the word; ... For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. Sound Familiar?*

So the question we need to answer personally:

Is the Bible Standard in my life?

Not our best intensions, Not our opinions,
Not our favorite Preacher, Not what is popular.

Men seek for wisdom from all sorts of Sources, but if it contradicts the bible, it is not of God. (Isaiah 8:20)

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

We are to avoid those that teach contrary to the Bible, because they do it because of a personal motive of their own.

(Rom 16:17-18) *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are*

such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

You can't know what's Truth or Error if you don't know what the scriptures teach.

(2 Tim 2:15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(Ps 119:160) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

(Matt 24:35) Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

So what do you believe About God, about the church, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Bible, Heaven, Hell, Etc?

What is the Foundation of your Belief's?

A Dream you had?

A Vision?

A Feeling?

I don't deny your experienced something, but if it is contrary to God's Word, it's not of God. (Deut 13:1-5)

Even if there is a miraculous sign, but the teaching are contrary, we are to cleave to the Lord & His Word.

What is the Foundation of your Life?

How you live? Values based on?

What you live for? Purpose based on?

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

Either He IS, or He ISN'T: (Doctrine of God)

Either He DID, or He DIDN'T:

Either He Can, or He Can't: (Salvation)

Either I Am His, Or I Am Mine. (Lordship)

As a created being, I must submit myself to my Creator and His Rule in my life.