

# Discovering the Foundation

Luke 6:39-49

Hebrews 6:1-3

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## I. What is a foundation?

The term “foundation” has been borrowed from the language of building and architecture. It refers to the very first thing we do in building – prepare a solid and stable support for the superstructure.

Spiritually speaking, the foundation is the BASIS of Christian doctrine and experience upon which all later DEVELOPMENT depends.

Hebrews 6:1-3

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.*

## II. Why do we call the First Principles “Foundation Stones”?

The term “foundation stones” was coined to help us emphasize the DISTINCTNESS of each truth to be believed and experienced.

A. We are built upon the foundation which is CHRIST by the Holy Spirit and through the MINISTRY of those who labor with God.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

*For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

- B. The foundational doctrines were brought to us through the **APOSTLES** and **PROPHETS** who received the inspired Scriptures.

Ephesians 2:20

*And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*

- C. As Christ becomes our foundation through **EXPERIENCE**, we are made able to worship and find our place in His Church.

1 Peter 2:4-8

*To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient...*

### III. What are the six Foundation Stones?

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### IV. Why is it dangerous to neglect our Spiritual Foundations?

When we fail to put into PRACTICE what we have heard from God, we only fool ourselves.

When the STORM comes – and it does in every life – we will not be able to stand.

- A. God tests our SUBMISSION to His Lordship on the basis of obeying His words, and laying each of these foundation stones is a COMMAND.

Matthew 7:21-23

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; 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.*

- B. We become a part of God's people – His Church – by being joined to Christ through FOUNDATIONAL EXPERIENCE .

Isaiah 28:16

*Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

- C. Only as we experience CHRIST in these foundation stones can we become different people.

2 Timothy 2:19

*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

- D. We face not only the TESTS of our future in this life, but the JUDGMENT of God in the next life.

1 Timothy 6:19

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

- E. We will not continue GROWING if we fail to lay some foundation stones in our lives; we will remain BABES on “milk.”

Hebrews 5:12,13

*For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

## V. Why do we put so much emphasis upon laying the foundation?

The Bible gives us clear evidence that TRIALS and TRIBULATIONS will come against each believer to test their faith.

It is incumbent upon each of us to insure that our life in Christ is built on SOLID ROCK and not on shifting sand (Matthew 7:24-27).