
INTRODUCTION

BIBLICAL (TRUTHS) FOUNDATIONS HEBREWS 6:1-3

Acknowledgment= I want to give thanks Pastor James Beall for his endeavors to teach God's truths. My pastor and several other pastors attended a revival in Michigan called the "Later Rains". They returned with much wisdom gained at the revival. My pastor used the book entitled Laying the Foundations. Many years later when God called me into the ministry, I remembered the teachings from Hebrews 6:1-3. Because of the teaching I had as a young Christian, I was able to lay our foundational teachings for our church.

For the believer (the body of Christ), it is essential that we must have a well-built foundation. Even man's wisdom tells us unless we have a solid foundation such as education, experience, etc., our chance of success decreases. For example, would you prefer to live in a house made of straw or a brick home with a solid foundation when the alarm sounds that a tornado is approaching you? This same logic holds true with the word of God. If we do not build according to the word, the structure that we build will not last. It may look good and may even seem to be sound for a season, but as the trials and tribulations that each believer will go through, will not be able to stand up unless their foundation is adequately built. Would you consider having a contractor build your new home without first digging deep into solid ground before beginning to build your new place of residence? Why should we then think about our new residence with Jesus to be less? We will be studying in the book of **Hebrews chap. 6:1-3**. At the end of this study you will not receive a degree, diploma or certificate. However if you build your foundation well, you will have a greater knowledge of God's word and experience a deeper relationship with your savior Jesus Christ and be one who will endure to the end as the word states.

Hebrews 6:1-3

*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 instructions about washings and laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do **if God permits**.*

We learn at the end of verse 3 that God is the instructor and it is He that will determine whether or not we receive a passing grade.

WHAT IS A FOUNDATION?

A foundation is the basis on which something stands or is supported. Spiritually speaking, our foundation (bible truths) is the basis of our Christian faith (doctrine) and our experiences we have in Jesus, upon which our development depends. It is like learning our abc's before we can read.

WHY DO WE CALL THESE PRINCIPLES FOUNDATION STONES?

The working of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of those who labor with God build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul uses the word foundation upon which we as believers must begin.

We received these foundational teachings through the prophets and apostles who themselves received the inspired word of God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are Gods household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

As Jesus becomes our foundation through the experiences we have with Him, we begin to find our place in the body of Christ, which is his church. Worldly or religious -wise builders disallowed the corner stone because it was completely different from all the rest of the stones and it just seemed not to fit. Israel rejected the messiah because He did not fit their expectations. In today's modern religion we find many different stones (doctrines or denominations). The question is why? Remember these stones that we are about to study are foundation stones. Let us read **I Peter 2:1-8**. If we desire to build with these stones, we need to start at the very beginning and not somewhere in the middle. This is why the first stone is called "repentance from dead works". It means putting off all of our old ways or (self) and starting anew (being born again).

WHAT ARE THE SIX (6) FOUNDATION STONES?

These are six basic truths that we experience in Jesus if we are to mature as a Christian.

- 1) REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS.
- 2) FAITH TOWARDS GOD.
- 3) THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS.
- 4) LAYING ON OF HANDS.
- 5) RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.
- 6) ETERNAL JUDGEMENT.

Once these foundations have been laid in our lives, these truths will never slip away from us.

The Greek word is (Themelios) meaning to establish, to render firm or laying the foundation.

WHY IS IT DANGEROUS TO NEGLECT OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION?

When we fail to practice what we hear and learn, we only fool ourselves. When we make it a habit to disobey the word of God we become lawless, or are called workers of iniquity. When we fail to listen, we lose our power to hear and when the storms of life come we will not be able to stand.

1) God tests our obedience to his word.

Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

2) We will not mature if we do not lay good foundation stones; we will remain as babes.

Hebrews 5:12-13

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

3) Only as we experience Jesus in these foundation stones can we be changed.

II Timothy 2:14-19

Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has

already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and "everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.

4) WHY DO WE PUT SO MUCH IMPORTANCE ON THE FOUNDATION STONES?

The bible makes it very clear that it is with much tribulation and testing that we enter in. We must endure to the end. Our enduring depends on the foundation that we lay in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them may be compared to a wise man who built his house on a 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. 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. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell---and great was its fall.

HOMEWORK:

1) DEFINE THE TERM FOUNDATION IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

2) LIST THE SIX FOUNDATION STONES IN ORDER.

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
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2) Read the following paragraph:

We cannot establish any doctrine based on just one verse of scripture. God always confirms His word on at least two or three verses of scripture.

Compare Hebrews 6:1-3 and Luke 6:47-49 with Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 14:27-30, I Timothy 6:17-19 and II Timothy 2:18 & 19.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS