VII. The Spiritual foundation of every believer’s life is Jesus Christ.

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

**That Rock was Christ**

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Founded upon a Rock

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* Pr 10:25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
* Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.
* Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
* Ps 11:3 If the( **foundations)** be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
  1. `The Foundation for a wise man. Mat. 7:25
     + 1. A Rock Mat. 16:16-18
          1. A Word from God.
          2. A Revelation of the Son of God.
       2. The Foundation must be Jesus Christ.
          1. A Sure Foundation

Isa 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.

* + - * 1. The Head stone of the Corner

Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become **the head stone of the corner.**

Mt 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Mr 12:10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

Lu 20:17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

Ac 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

* 1. Stumblingstone and Rock of Offence

Ro 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a **stumblingstone and** **rock of offence**: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Ro 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

* 1. That Spiritual Rock…That Rock was Christ

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* 1. Jesus Christ Himself being The Chief Corner Stone

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I Peter 2:4-8 A living Stone, (Wise men) as lively stones are built up a spiritual house. (A living Temple)

Eph. 2:21-22; 3:5; 2Pe 3:2; 1Cor. 3:9-16; 2Cor. 6:16; Heb.3:1-6

1. **Founded**

Established, originated, set up, create, start, bring into being, initiate, build.

a. **Built** his house upon a rock - founded upon a rock. Mat.7:25

b. Upon this rock I will **build** Mat.16:18

2. Foundation

Source, base, root, origin, beginning, footing, underpinning, groundwork

Bedrock, granite rock, rock layer, substratum, solid rock, concrete

Establishment, Institution, Organization,

Body, Church, Marriage, friendship, work

Organism, being, Spiritual

Our Foundation is Christ not culture.

* 1. The Foundations to build on and the unity of their dimensions with what is being built.

-How does your life square up, straighten up, measure up and size up?

Examine your faith - Test your commitment – Try the spirits

* + - 1. Spirituality
      2. Reality
      3. Eternity-All time has meaning, All of life has Purpose
      4. Morality-
      5. Accountability-confession and responsibility to revelation and keys
      6. Charity

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* Every change and variation is a violation of God’s Word.
* Every violation of God’s Word is a sin.
* The Word of God is Truth.
  1. The Purpose of the Storm is to be tested.

1Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

Mt 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

Mt 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

* + - 1. The Temptation
         1. Sin
         2. World- sensuality-man
         3. Satan
      2. The Test
         1. Man
         2. (Satan)- 2Co 12:7 thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan
         3. God
      3. The Trial
         1. Spirit
         2. Word
         3. God
  1. The Builders
     1. God Heb. 11:10 Mat. 16:18
        + 1. Father
          2. Son
          3. Holy Ghost
     2. Noah built an Ark and also an Altar

1Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. Gen. 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

* + 1. Solomon built the Temple

1 Chron. 22:5 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

1Ch 22:14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

* + - 1. David the father
      2. Solomon the son
    1. Nehemiah and his builders Neh.4:18
    2. Peter I Pt. 2:5
    3. Paul I Cor.3:10
* The church is built up by wise men of the Word, Led by the Holy Ghost (not purpose driven)

God reveals his Son to us and we build by faith.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2Co 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

* By the teachings of His Spirit - He reveals His Son in us.

Gal. 1:16 **To reveal his Son in me**, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Acts 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

* He changes us into the same image.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Ro 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

* + 1. Jeremiah Jer. 1:10… “to build, and to plant.”

Jer. 1:17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, **I have made thee** this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee;

**for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee,**

* 1. **Master Builder’s Instructions (I Cor. 3:10)(4:15) 10:1-33**

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* 1. **Digging Deep**
     1. **Founded upon a rock**

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1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

**Lu 6:48 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.**

* **This wise builder struck the rock before he laid the foundation.** God is not to be found on the surface.

**Shifting Standards – Shifting sand**

In 1974, the research firm of Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., surveyed thirty-five hundred young people, ages sixteen to twenty-five. The interviews sought to learn what these selected individuals felt about "every important value" in today's world.

The study indicated that only 31 percent considered premarital sexual relations as morally wrong, compared with 52 percent in a 1969 survey. Opposition to abortion dropped from 58 percent to 45 percent in the same period. The proportion who considered "Living a clean moral life a very important value" fell from 71 percent to 52 percent.

It is worse now in 2009

It shows that standards are shifting into the evil patterns of sin that existed in the days of Noah and Lot.

Lu 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Lu 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

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* + 1. **Diligently digging (search) to know Him.**
       1. That we might have more Light. Prov.4:18
       2. That we might have more Truth. John. 8:31-32; 17:17
       3. That we might have more Life Rom. 5:1-5; Titus 3:4-8, 14

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

**That I may know Him – Jesus Christ as Lord**

The power of his resurrection The fellowship of his sufferings being made conformable unto his death (All fleshly desires put to death)

Lu 16:3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: **I cannot dig**; to beg I am ashamed. 4 I am resolved what to do… (DIG, DIG, DIG, DIG)

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  + 1. Digging Deeper to grow more like Him.
* A person must be saved
* A person must be full of the Holy Ghost
* A person must be a faithful witness
* A person must grow to be more like Him
* A person must study more of His Word
* A person must fully obey His Word

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

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

* A man's words expose his true nature: what he is really like beneath the surface.

Don’t just dig it up, **but dig it out**

⇒    A man's words expose what he is down deep within his heart: his motives, desires, ambitions, or the lack of initiative.

⇒    A man's words expose his true character: good or bad, kind or cruel.

⇒    A man's words expose his mind, what he thinks: pure or impure thoughts, dirty or clean thoughts, negative or positive.

⇒    A man's words expose his spirit, what he believes and pursues: the legitimate or illegitimate, the intelligent or ignorant, the true or false, the good or evil, beneficial or wasteful, Spiritual or carnal.

* + 1. **Dig Deep in prayer** that others will know Him

John 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Jer. 7:28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth Mt 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Mat. 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Faith sees the invisible, Believes - the incredible, Receives - the impossible. Read and meditate - hear and meditate Read and believe - hear and believe Read and ponder - hear and ponder Read and obey - hear and obey