One Foundation

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INTRODUCTION

- Spiritually speaking, the same is true. We want something that's strong. We want something that's going to hold firm, not change, something we can rely on.
- We want to make sure we get the foundation right so we can build on that.
- There's some things that I don't see in this church that I do see in other churches. I want to try to give a simple explanation for why that is the case this morning.

1 Only One Foundation Can Be Laid

Acts 18:5–8; 1 Corinthians 1:21–24; Matthew 16:16–18

- For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.
- We preach Christ crucified. To Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles, foolishness.
- Paul never equated himself with Jesus. He didn't say, I'm the foundation. Only Jesus can be the foundation.

2 This Foundation Gives Hope

Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 1:30–31

- We should be thankful, always thankful, that Jesus is in fact our foundation. It is this foundation that gives hope.
- Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.
- There is salvation in no one else. For there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.
- It's only through him, in him crucified, that we have hope of salvation.

3 Christ Adds to Our Lives Purpose and Meaning

Ephesians 2:19–20

- Now we are becoming that temple of God. We are being built on that foundation.
- That God exists among men and his people. And God can be known to men because of his people.
- That can only happen when Christ is the chief cornerstone, when Christ is the foundation.

4 The Foundation Is Supremacy and Authority

Acts 18:5; Acts 2:36; Matthew 19

- This idea of Christ being the foundation is also one of supremacy. And yes, even that of authority.

- He will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.
- To the married I give instructions. Not I, but the Lord.
- He's making sure he's being very careful to only build on to that foundation with the teachings of Jesus.

5 It Matters How We Build on the Foundation

1 Corinthians 3:12–15; 1 Corinthians 3:16–17; Ephesians 2

- If any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident.
- I don't think he's talking about the people. I think he's talking about the teachings.
- Jesus is the foundation. What Paul is saying is, I'm giving you gold, silver, precious stones.
- It's not the simple message from God. It's hay and it's straw and it's wood. And it's not going to last.

6 We Live by His Will

Ephesians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 3:15

- We also live by His will because He is the foundation.
- We are only wanting to go by the words of Jesus and his apostles.
- The mission of the church is to be the pillar and the ground of the truth.
- We're simply trying to go back to the foundation, to the foundation of Christ and to teach and to preach what he has said.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So let us help lay a foundation of Christ in your life. Would you believe in Jesus?**

MY NOTES