

True Foundation

There is only **ONE TRUE** foundation - 1 Cor 3:10-11 - 10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But **each one should be careful how he builds**. 11 For **NO ONE CAN LAY ANY FOUNDATION OTHER THAN THE ONE ALREADY LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST**. (John 1:1-14)

* **What we build is the ministries, but the most important part is what we build on, the foundation, which is Christ!**

***Example false foundations can be; lifestyles, politics, traditions, human ideologies, false religions...The foundation is the bases or the purpose.**

What is the process to build on THE TRUE foundation? – Luke 6:46-49 -46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and **do not do what I say?** 47 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and **HEARS MY WORDS** and **PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE**. 48 He is like a man building a house, who **dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock**. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who **HEARS MY WORDS** and **DOES NOT PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE** is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its **destruction was complete**."

The foundation is Hearing The Word and doing what The Word says! It's a requirement not a suggestion - James 1:22-25 - 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and SO DECEIVE YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and **CONTINUES TO DO THIS, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it** — he will be blessed in what he does.

The true foundation is true love for Christ. Its authenticity will be shown - John 14:23-24 - 23 Jesus replied, "IF anyone loves me, he will OBEY my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not OBEY my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

Antichrists, like the man of sin, will easily mislead those with wrong foundations - 2 Thess 2:9-10 - 9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan **displayed in all kinds of COUNTERFEIT miracles, signs and wonders**, 10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they **refused to LOVE THE TRUTH and so be saved**.

- Non-Biblical based ideologies
- Partial Bible based ideologies
- Human intellect-based ideologies
- Emotionally based ideologies
- Culturally based ideologies

How to recognize and build on the only TRUE Foundation

Stop considering the world's point of view - Rom 12:2 - **DO NOT conform any longer to the pattern of this world**, but **BE TRANSFORMED** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Avoid ungodly/worldly concepts

Do not indulge and consider ungodly ideas - 2 Tim 2:16-19 - 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and **they destroy the faith of some**. 19 Nevertheless, **GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION STANDS FIRM**, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "**Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness**."

Check the substance of ALL viewpoints - Col 2:8 **SEE TO IT** that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world **RATHER THAN on Christ**.

A big safety measure to stay on the Firm foundation is staying within the Word - 1 Cor 4:6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "**Do not go beyond what is written**." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

As Jesus showed, it must be SOUNDLY from the Bible and based on God - Matt 4:6-7 - 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For *it is written*: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus answered him, "**It is also written**: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Distorted Word eliminates foundations - 2 Peter 3: 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His **letters contain some things that are hard to understand**, which **ignorant and unstable people DISTORT, as they do the other Scriptures**, to their own destruction.

The Bible is Spiritual and is Spiritually understood - 1 Cor 2:13-16 - 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for **they are foolishness to him**, and he cannot understand them, **BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED**. 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

In the end there is one thing that will truly show those on the true foundation - John 12:47-50 - 47 "As for the person who hears my words but **does not keep them, I do not judge him**. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. 48 **There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; THAT VERY WORD WHICH I SPOKE WILL CONDEMN HIM AT THE LAST DAY**. 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."