

No Other Foundation – 3

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. NKJV

- There is only one foundation – Grace by faith

No Slide: 1 Corinthians 3:12-13

- Gold, silver, precious stones – Grace and Faith
- Wood, hay, straw – my work for Him – Law
- Living under the law produces condemnation, pride and bondage
- Living under grace brings freedom and success – an environment where faith becomes active and grows

What did Abraham find out?

Romans 4:3 AMP

3 For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed in (trusted in) God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living and right standing with God).

Say this: “I am righteous before God regardless of my past behavior or what I may do in the future – my faith in Jesus makes me the righteousness of God”

Romans 5:17

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) NKJV

- Ruling in life covers a multitude of areas in life

Romans 3:24

24[All] are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is [provided] in Christ Jesus. AMP

If we don't believe that we are a new creation

– 2 Corinthians 5:21, we will struggle using our faith.

We will continually doubt God can work through us because we are looking at our own righteousness.

We must settle the righteousness issue for our faith to grow

Romans 1:17 AMP

17 For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith. [Hab 2:4.]

- If God made me righteous then He will also meet every other need and increase every area of my life
- Faith that we are righteous arouses more faith
- Faith builds faith
- Doubt builds more doubt

Faith is not something that you can see, however when the word of God and my faith are in unity the results can be seen – Hebrews 4:2

Hebrews 11:1

11:1 NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. AMP

- Hope – Belief – Faith
- Hope in God's word becomes my belief (values)
- Once belief moves from my head to my heart it moves me into action – Faith Works (living in a way which supports what I believe)
- God spoke creation into existence – Genesis 1; John 1

Faith that is in our heart is activated by what we say

Mark 11:22-23

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. *“Trust”* 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. NKJV

- We walk by faith not by sight – 2 Cor. 5:7
- Don't struggle when things don't automatically line up
- Change is happening in the supernatural realm even when we don't see it

Psalm 37:3

3 Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed. AMP

- Our trust, reliance and confidence is in God

We are the righteousness of God therefore we have the right to speak God's word

Romans 10:6

6 But the **righteousness of faith** speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) NKJV

Romans 10:8

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): NKJV

Once we truly BELIEVE we are the righteousness of God we will declare His word boldly

- By faith I am healed – **1 Peter 2:24**
- By faith wealth and riches are in my house
– **Psalm 112:3**
- By faith I am not at the bottom of the economic ladder
– **Psalm 35:27 – pleasure in my prosperity**
- My household will be saved – **Acts 16:31**

It's impossible to live by faith with a "Sin Consciousness"
Sin separates us from God

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NKJV

- We are reconciled to God
- We are the Righteousness of God
- We must come to this realization to activate and grow in faith

Christ reversed the curse

Romans 5:17 AMP

17 For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Every person born since Adam has been born under sin and death because of Adam's disobedience – Spiritual death

All of those who accept Christ become the righteousness of God through Him – Spiritual life, Birth – Born again

1 Corinthians 15:45 AMP

45 Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life].

We are in Him and He in us

John 17:20, 23

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. KJV

When this reality penetrates our hearts we will pray and live differently

Do I approach God as someone who is still guilty?

Do I question whether He hears my prayers or not?

Or do I have confidence that I can do what the Bible says I can do?

Hebrews 4:16

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. NKJV

Say – I am the Righteousness of God!

When we BELIEVE we are righteous we move to a greater level of confidence and start to think and act more like Jesus

1 Corinthians 1:30

30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]. AMP

- When we start to have a revelation of our righteousness it takes the blinders off so we can live in a new confidence

We approach the throne of God with confidence
We pray in confidence – according to the word
I live a life of seed sowing and reaping with confidence,
knowing that what God has promised will come to pass

1 John 5:14 AMP

14 And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.

- When we have great confidence we live in an anointing that religion can not give us

Time meditating on the word of God will cause your expectations for your life to line up with the Word of God
We need to imagine our life...
Debt free – Healed – Delivered – Power Filled

Renewing your mind spiritually is the same as renewing it naturally...

Take driving a car

You reviewed and studied procedures

You watched someone else drive

As you studied it you became convinced you could drive

The first time you drove was quite different than driving now

Now you don't even have to think about it

When we realize who we are in Christ we live differently
If sin consciousness dominates my thinking I will not live the life God has for me

If righteousness dominates my thinking I will more easily do the works Jesus did

The way I see myself determines my level of trust in the word

1 Corinthians 2:9

9 But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]. [Isa 64:4; 65:17.] AMP