

No Other Foundation – 4

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”

It's impossible to live by faith with a "Sin Consciousness"

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. 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

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].

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?

The Bible clearly shows how Satan always tries to contradict the word of God

Genesis 3:1-4

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. NKJV

This is why it's so important to understand the truth that God reveals to us from His word

When we lack understanding we can be deceived into violating His principles

If Adam and Eve would have operated in their rights as God's creation they would never have been deceived

Because Adam did not receive the fact that he was already "Like God" the way God created him, he accepted Eve's offer to eat of the forbidden fruit

Because Adam committed treason against God's word he spiritually died resulting in natural death as well

Because Satan can not exalt himself against God he does the next best thing which is to destroy God's plan

Lucifer's fall

Isaiah 14:12-15

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. NKJV

Because Satan lost all place in heaven he deceived Adam into giving him authority by disobeying God
When he did that Satan became the “god of this world”
(2 Corinthians 4:4) (Luke 10:18 “Jesus” I saw Satan fall)

Because it was Adam's **legal right** to the Kingdom the only way Satan could get it was to deceive Adam into “giving” it to him – ***God's word is a legal declaration***
Satan now has authority from the dust of the earth up to, but not including the Throne of God
As a result every one born on earth is born “under” sin
(Romans 3:9, Psalm 51:5)

This is why God created a plan to redeem that which was lost

Genesis 3:15 NKJV

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

In order to redeem the earth God had to get His word into the earth

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. NKJV

God had to find a man that would believe His word that he could manifest Himself to. Through the lineage of this man the word made flesh would be born

Genesis 15:1-5

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." NKJV

Abraham asked God how he would know that these things would come to pass (Gen. 15:8)

God told him He would make a covenant with him

Abraham didn't know God but the people of his day understood cutting a covenant (Gen. 15:18)

Genesis 15:6

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. NKJV

Acts 3:25 NKJV

25 You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

God got his law into the earth through Moses who was already a descendant of Abraham

When the law was given order came into the earth

Through this law and covenant God was now able to speak truth through His prophets about His plan to redeem mankind

God made a plan that was perfectly “legal” in a fallen world to release His promises to you and me

Jesus had to enter the world “legally” so He had to find someone who would believe His word

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. NKJV

Luke 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. NKJV

Luke 1:38

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. NKJV

John 10:1-2

1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. NKJV

As Jesus grew up and studied the scriptures He recognized Himself in them

See Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 50, Psalm 22

Jesus was not born with the foreknowledge of who He was, he had to learn them and receive them by faith to be our role model of the life of faith

Luke 4:16-22 NKJV

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus had to walk by faith so He could be the author and finisher of our faith – **Hebrews 12:2**

Jesus had to walk the earth by faith and live a sinless life. He than had to die so that the righteousness He possessed could become ours once again

Romans 5:6, 21

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. NKJV