

## No Other Foundation – 5

### 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”

### 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?

### 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

### Romans 5:6, 11, 21

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. NKJV

- Reconciled with God
- God is not holding our sins against us
- Through grace we have been restored to reign in life

So far everything we have looked at is in light of the righteousness of God

*Some may say: Now that I am in the righteousness of God it seems as if I can do whatever I want because I have a right to miss the mark and be cleansed by His righteousness*

**Romans 6:1**

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? NKJV

It is true that you can sin repeatedly and God would honor His word and cleanse you from all unrighteousness, however sin is a seed and it will produce a harvest in your life – **1 John 3:7-9** “*His seed is in me – I do not sin*”

Every time you sin you sow a harvest that blocks God’s best from coming into your life

The consequences of sin damage your faith and ability to conform to the righteousness that we have been given

Repetitive sin is like picking up a lit stick of dynamite

**Romans 6:2**

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? KJV

- If we are indeed dead to the sin nature it would be unnatural for us to sin now

### Romans 6:3-14

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. NKJV

- Paul is saying that sin no longer dominates your life
- It no longer has dominion over you
- You do not have to sin if you don't want to
- The Devil doesn't make you do it

The sins and addictions that once dominated your life no longer need to

Don't say: *I am Tony and I am an alcoholic*

Say: *I am Tony and I am the righteousness of God*

God wants us to rebel against the sin that once dominated our lives – it is no longer part of your identity

**James 1:14-15**

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. NKJV

**Romans 6:15-16**

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? NKJV

- The question is whether or not Jesus is lord
- Whose servant am I?

The Bible teaches there are two masters – God and Mammon (the worlds system)

You may say money is not my God but what if God told you to give \$1000 and you say no – then in that situation money is your master

Yielding puts the responsibility of movement on me

The devil doesn't push us we yield thought by thought

## Romans 6:18

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. NKJV

God wants us to walk in our freedom from sin  
He has moved us out of Egypt  
How long before we start to think free  
Wilderness – not enjoying our freedom  
Promised Land – righteous, free, prosperous living

It is equally important to understand that choosing to sin  
and not choosing to sin are an act of my will  
I sin as much as I want to

Say this: *“I do not have to sin anymore because I am the righteousness of God”*

## Romans 6:20-22

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. NKJV

- Paul is talking about the kind of fruit that you bear
- He is talking about sin
- Every time we sin the result is a feeling of condemnation and guilt
- When we feel inadequate it holds back the power of living in our righteousness – it attacks our faith

## The Pressure of Temptation

### 1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man... NKJV

Temptation is pressure applied to your flesh

It's like a pushy salesman trying to sell you his products called sin

You have not gone through anything that someone somewhere has already experienced – common

### 1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV

...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

God is making a commitment to us that He will not allow the Devil to tempt us or put pressure on our flesh beyond our ability to overcome

If we do not have the ability to overcome in a specific area than we will not be tempted in that area

You and I have what it takes to overcome temptation

If you are being tempted in an area, quit complaining, start rejoicing in your righteousness and get out of the situation

Start to live beyond the limitations of the flesh and enter the life of faith God has prepared for you

### 1 Corinthians 10:13

13 For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently. AMP

You are no longer a servant of sin  
You are the righteousness of God  
You stand in that righteousness with Heaven's support  
Don't allow the symptoms of sin to reign in your life  
Speak it out of your mouth  
You have the victory 24 hours a day 7 days a week

### Romans 6:23

23 For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord. AMP