

No Other Foundation – 6

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”

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 6:1-3

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? NKJV

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

Don't say: *I am Tony and I am an alcoholic*
Say: *I am Tony and I am the righteousness of God*

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

The Pressure of Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

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

- Temptation and sin is not the same thing
- Temptation is pressure applied to your flesh
- You have not gone through anything that someone somewhere hasn't already experienced – common

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

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, don't get sucked in, 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

“Patience is not waiting it’s your attitude while waiting”

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

Even though we have obtained the “free gift” of grace that doesn’t mean we should not be concerned with doing good works – **Romans 5:18**

We should still tithe, pray, attend church and be careful not to allow our belief in God’s grace to cause us to quit working out our salvation

Philippians 2:12

12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ). AMP

- **Verse 13** – He is working for His pleasure in us!

The good works that we do are evidence of our righteousness not the pathway to righteousness

Matthew 5:15

15 Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father. TLB

- Evidence of good works verify that my life stands for Him
- When I put pleasing Him at the forefront of my life He produces good works in me and through me

Without proof of Him working in my life, my life becomes no more than a religious mask

We are the image and the glory of God
Yet we spend our lives searching for glory instead of realizing we are the glory
What shines through determines God's reflection in us

Ephesians 5:1

5:1 THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]. AMP

- Children are a reflection of their parents
- We emulate those that we look to as our source of life
- Become like your teacher – John 13:16,17

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]. AMP

- These good works have burden-removing, yoke-destroying power that flow out of a righteous believer

Sometimes we become distracted and allow circumstances to throw us off course – we may ask why God allows certain things to happen in my life
Who ever would have thought that being dropped into a pit would take you to God's will for your life – Joseph?

Making a decision to fulfill God's will – leads us to our destiny – Stay on the path

Ephesians 2:10b

[taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the **good life** which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]. AMP

- His will is the “good life”
- God knows what He is doing
- You have to trust that

We should strive to do our absolute best and allow God to show us how to walk the path He has prepared for us

1 Timothy 6:17-19

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly **all things to enjoy**;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, **ready to distribute**, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. KJV

This passage of scriptures is not suggesting we live in lack and insufficiency

Paul is charging Timothy to warn those who are rich to not be foolish or high-minded with their wealth

God intends for us to enjoy the things He richly gives us all the while making a positive impact on others

Are you prepared for good works?
What do you do with this power?
What do you do with what you learn in Bible Study?
Does it stay in a notebook that stays in your car until next service?
How many lives have been changed because of your witness?
When was the last time you led someone to the Lord?

Good works are part of God's plan to bring others into right relationship with God

His will is that all would be saved

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. NKJV

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJV

Titus 3:5-7

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. KJV