

No Other Foundation – 7

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
- It's about Jesus – the author and FINISHER!

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).

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

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"

The Pressure of Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

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

...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.

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

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

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?

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 – Luke 6:40

Making a decision to fulfill God's will *Make Jesus Known*
– 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
- Your Kingdom come Your will be done

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 – **Philippians 4:12-13**

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

Confidence in God and in His Word is vital where our righteousness is concerned – releasing the anointing

I believe there is an anointing that is released in our lives when we walk with confidence in our righteousness

Satan will do everything he can to destroy our confidence in the word – he wants to steal the seed (word) – **Mark 4**

The Gospel of righteousness is the power of God

Romans 1:16-17

16 For **I am not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." NKJV

The Gospel is the power to destroy yokes and remove burdens

The power of God comes from the righteousness that is born out of faith in the word which leads to more faith

Romans 1:17

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. AMP

Those who have been declared righteous live by faith which is confidence in our righteousness

When we “do the word” we are operating by faith

1 John 2:28-29

28 And now, little children, **abide in Him**, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who **practices righteousness** is born of Him. NKJV

We must never underestimate the value and importance of maintaining confidence in God and His word
Confidence keeps us focused on Gods will for our lives

So many of us cast off our confidence right before a breakthrough

We grow weary and begin to doubt God

This will create a roadblock of failure in our mind

Hebrews 10:35

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. NKJV

Confidence is not arrogance

Every believer should possess confidence

Confidence in our righteousness and Gods word will overcome what the enemy says about you

Confidence overcomes fear!

1 John 3:20-22

20 Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For **He is above** and greater than **our consciences** (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him]. *Hebrews 4:12*

21 And, beloved, if **our consciences** (our hearts) **do not accuse us** [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (**complete assurance and boldness**) before God,

22 And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, **follow His plan for us**] and [habitually] practice what is **pleasing** to Him. AMP

Not only are we forgiven and free from sin the Holy Spirit empowers us to live a life where we sin less and less

Sin consciousness attacks our faith

As we are seeking Him, He is revealing His will for our lives

As we pursue Him and His will our confidence is strengthened and we think less and less about sin

The less we think about sin the less condemning we are towards ourselves

The more we live by faith

Faith – confidence in the will of God for my life

1 John 5:14-15 NKJV

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

There is something convincing about people who are quite
when facing challenges
They know what God has promised
If God promised it – he will fulfill that promise

Isaiah 30:15

15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
"In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." NKJV

When you have confidence in who you are you don't have
to talk a lot – secure in God's word

Be wary of people who have to talk a lot they are trying to
talk themselves and everyone else into something
All you have to do is keep a quite resolve of who you are in
Christ

Make sure your confidence is in the Lord and not in man
If your confidence is in man you will always be
disappointed
Make God you confidence He will never let you down

Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.