**CHURCH OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**DOCTRINAL STUDIES- FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING**

**LESSON 1: WHY FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING**

**CLASS NOTES**

**Summary:**

Webster defines ***foundation*** as (1) a basis (as a tenet, principle, or axiom) upon which something stands or is supported; (2) an underlying base or support.

The foundation that we are to build upon is Jesus Christ through the word of God. If we do not build upon Jesus Christ, we will find ourselves compromising God’s truth, settling for less than God’s best for our lives, and eventually drifting back into sin and the things of the world.

**MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 6:19**

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

**Scriptures:**

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:9-15:** Simply put, there is no other foundation that was laid for us to build our lives upon than Jesus Christ. Everything used to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ will be tested by fire (trials). We do not want to build our lives out of lies, deceit, manipulation, greed or any sinful acts, so we must be careful how we build and what we use to build with.

**Read Matthew 7:24-27:** Jesus likens our obedience to the word of God to a wise man who built his house on the rock; likewise, He likens our disobedience to the word of God to a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

**Read Jude 1:20-24:** Once a house is built, it must be cared for through continual upkeep and maintenance. A neglected house is apparent because of its outward appearance, but some houses give the illusion that they are well taken care of… until you go inside. Jesus doesn’t just look at our outward appearance, but He also searches our thoughts and the intents of our heart to examine the condition of our inner being.

**Read Matthew 16:18:** When Jesus is our foundation and everything that is built on that foundation is scripturally sound, hell cannot prevail (triumph) against that structure. We are that structure. No matter what comes against us, we are secured in the love of Jesus and neither the devil nor his imps can triumph over us!

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17:** When we were in sin and living our lives separated from God, we did what we wanted- when we wanted and did not give a second thought to the fact that we were defiling (contaminating) and destroying our lives. Now that we are in Christ, we can no longer live our lives that way. We belong to God and not to ourselves; therefore, we must live our lives His way- according to His word.

**Life Application:**

You are in the market to buy a house. The realtor shows you three different homes.

**House A:** has a beautiful structure with elaborate features, but the foundation is not solid.

**House B:** has a rock solid foundation, but the realtor admits the material used to build the house were cheap and unreliable.

**House C:** was built on a solid foundation and is structurally sound- only the best materials were used.

After you identify the house that you would buy, explain why you wouldn’t buy either of the other two houses instead.

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**HOMEWORK**

**Monday:**

* Study your memory verse **1 Corinthians 6:19**.
* Read **1 Peter 2:4-5** and answer the following:
  + Who are the living stones? (v5)

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* + What are these living stones being used to build? (v5)

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* + Why are these living stones being built up? (v5)

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**Tuesday:**

* Study your memory verse **1 Corinthians 6:19**.
* Read **Ephesians 2:19-22** and answer the following:
  + Prior to Christ you were strangers and foreigners. Now that you are in Christ, what have you become? (v19)

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* + What foundation was the early church built on that pointed to Jesus Christ? (v20)

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* + What will all the living stones (the saints of God), being fitted together, become **and** why? (vv21-22)

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* + Who is the chief cornerstone? (v20)

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**Wednesday:**

* Study your memory verse **1 Corinthians 6:19**.
* Read **Isaiah 28:16** and answer the following:
  + What are the three descriptions pertaining to the stone that God has laid in Zion? (v16)
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    2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + How best would you explain each of the three:
    1. **Tried** Stone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* + 1. **Precious** Cornerstone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* + What do you believe is meant by, “Whoever believes will not act hastily”? (v16)

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**Thursday:**

* Study your memory verse **1 Corinthians 6:19**.
* Read **Psalm 62:1-7** and answer the following:
  + What three words are used to describe God? (v2)
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    2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What will become of those who attack a righteous man? (v3)

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* + Who should we put our expectations in? (v5)

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* + What four things did the psalmist mention when he wrote, “In God is my”? (v7)
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    4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Friday:**

* Study your memory verse **1 Corinthians 6:19**.
* Answer the following two questions pertaining to your memory verse.
  + How can you use the memory verse Scripture in your daily walk?

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* + How can you use the memory verse Scripture to teach others God’s Word?

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**Saturday:**

* Write your memory verse **1 Corinthians 6:19** by memory.

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* Study your notes in preparation for your test tomorrow.