

From the West Meadow
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Where is your foundation, and how solid is it? If the foundation of a house crumbles, the whole house begins to lean and shift, and if it goes on long enough the house becomes weak and begins to collapse on itself. The same goes for a road bed or a bridge. If you drive by a working railroad on a regular basis, every few months workers seem to be out there with heavy equipment replacing ties or tamping the gravel base. Our house is over 120 years old, it has a rock foundation under most of it – that foundation is still as solid as a rock.

As Christians, our foundations must also be solid, and that takes work on our part. Paul tells us the foundation which we must use is Jesus Christ, 1 Corinthians 3:11. That foundation, of which Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone, includes the Law of Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms, and the Apostles. See Luke 24:44-46 and Ephesians 2:20-22. Jesus is shown teaching the Apostles the importance of understanding that which is “written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms”, Luke 24:44-46, NKJV. In other words, we are to be built upon the Word of God, Jesus Christ being that Word. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God”, John 1:1-2, NKJV. “All scripture (both Old and New Testament) is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, NKJV. Christ is the Word of God (Revelation 19:13) – He is our foundation, the chief cornerstone, therefore the Bible, God's written word, is the written foundation we must build our lives on.

Matthew 4:4, NKJV, “It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'.”, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3. The Biblical term “it is written” appears in one form or another over 300 times in the Bible - the point being God expects us to read His Word, and not only read it, but live and follow it. Jesus says “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”, John 14:6, NKJV. It is only through Jesus, the Word of God, that we can come to know the Father. “Let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness”, Jeremiah 9:24, NKJV, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”, John 17:3, NKJV. And how do we get to know God the Father and Jesus Christ? Jesus, in praying to the Father, says that “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them ... Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth”, John 17:14, 17, NKJV. It is the written Word of God, inspired by Him, that can “make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”, 2 Timothy 3:15, NKJV. “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby”, 1 Peter 2:2, NKJV. “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”, Romans 10:17, NKJV.

You want to come to know and understand God? To be assured of salvation through Jesus Christ?
Read the Word – it is written.