

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 – if it goes on long enough without repair, the house becomes weak and collapses in on itself. The same goes for a road bed or a bridge. If you drive by a working rail road on a regular basis, you will often see workers out there – with heavy equipment fixing or tamping the gravel bed. We live in a world that's hard on foundations. Life struggles and societal pressures work to decay and destroy human foundations as well, and not just houses, bridges, or roads.

As Christians, our foundation must also be solid, And that takes work on our part. The Apostle Paul tells us the foundation which we build our lives on must be Jesus Christ. “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11, NKJV), the Rock. How we build on that foundation – the material we use will become clear over time, see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. It is on that Rock – Jesus Christ – that we must build and maintain our foundation. But where do we get the good, solid material to build and repair on that Rock foundation? Notice the idea that Christ has done everything for us and we don't have to do anything doesn't work, we must participate in the building as well. Paul continues, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear”, 1 Corinthians 3:12-13, NKJV; we as “members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone”, Ephesians 2:19-20, NKJV. That foundation is the Bible, the Word of God, inspired by God and written by “holy men of God...moved by the Holy Spirit”, 2 Peter 1:21, NKJV.

Jesus Christ is that Word. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”...”And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”, John 1:1,14, NKJV. Jesus is shown teaching the disciples the importance of understanding the written word, that which is “...written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.” Luke 24:44-45, NKJV. The term “It is written” or it's equivalent is used over 300 times throughout the Bible. “All Scripture (both Old Testament and New Testament) is given by the 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 whose “name is called The Word of God” (Revelation 19:13, NKJV) – He is our foundation and cornerstone and His word the Bible is the written foundation we must as Christians build our lives on.

“It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'.” Mathew 4:4 and Deuteronomy 8:3, NKJV. “Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst'.” John 6:35, NKJV.