

**Laying The Foundation
Founded On The Rock
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I. Christian Life Compared To A Building

- A. Christian responsible to be built up into a dwelling place for the Lord
 - 1. Jude 20–21
 - 2. Ephesians 2:22
 - 3. 1 Peter 2:4–5
 - 4. Acts 20:32
- B. Foundation of the building
 - 1. Foundation is primary and essential
 - 2. Sets limits on the size and weight of the building
- C. Foundation is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9–11)

II. Laying The Foundation

- A. Matthew 16:13–18
 - 1. Peter, *petros*; Jesus refers to *petra*
 - a. *Petros*: a stone or a boulder
 - b. *Petra*: a big crag or cliff
 - 2. This was to contrast Peter with the Rock; not compare him to it
- B. Four successive phases:
 - 1. Confrontation: Jesus is the door
 - 2. Revelation: the Father, by the Spirit, reveals the Son
 - 3. Acknowledgment: you must receive this revelation and acknowledge Jesus
 - 4. Confession: public, with the mouth
- C. Still possible today?
 - 1. Jesus is revealed as the *eternal Son of God* (Heb. 13:8)
 - 2. Revelation is through the *eternal Holy Spirit*

III. Building On The Foundation

- A. Matthew 7:24–27
 - 1. *Hearing* God's Word
 - 2. *Doing* God's Word
- B. Dig deep and dispose of: (Luke 6:46–49)
 - 1. Traditions
 - 2. Prejudices: racial, denominational, social
 - 3. Preconceptions
 - 4. Unbelief
 - 5. Rebellion

IV. The Bible

- A. The Word of God in writing (John 10:35)
- B. Jesus: The Word of God in person
 - 1. John 1:1, 14
 - 2. Revelation 19:11–13
- C. Total agreement between the two

V. Five Vital Facts:

- A.** John 14:19, 22–23
 - 1.** Keeping God’s Word distinguishes true disciples from the world
 - 2.** Keeping God’s Word is the supreme test of the disciple’s love for God. Love is the motivation for obedience.
 - 3.** Keeping God’s Word is the supreme cause of God’s love for the disciple
 - 4.** Through God’s Word, kept and obeyed, Christ manifests Himself
 - 5.** Through God’s Word, the Father and the Son together indwell the disciple
- B.** You can’t love God more than you love His Word

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