



Title/Date: 9/10/23 **“7 Foundations of a Biblical Church” Pt. 1**

(The blueprint of Scripture for building God-honoring churches)

5 Foundational Passages for the Launch of TBC Calvert: 1 Cor. 3:4-15, Col. 1:9-18, 2 Tim. 3:12-4:5, Eph. 4:1-16, Acts 2:36-47

1 Corinthians 3:4-16 ⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not mere men? ⁵ What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Colossians 1:9-18 ⁹ For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. ¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Group Project: Take time to read the above 2 passages, individually underline the above two passages for what you think are the main points, key words, and commands/promises to apply, and then as time allows share with the group what stood out to you and why you underlined/highlighted what you did.

I. Introduction: The Anatomy of a Biblical Church (adopted from Jmac “The Master’s Plan for the Church)

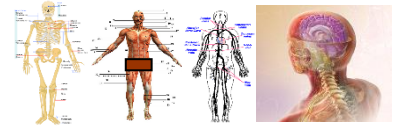
The skeletal structure: A High View of God, A High View of Scripture, Sound Doctrine, Personal Holiness, Spiritual Authority

The Muscles: Preaching/Teaching, Evangelism/Missions, Worship, Prayer, Discipleship, Shepherding, Building Up Families, Training, Giving, Fellowship

The Internal Systems: Obedience, Humility, Love, Unity, Willingness to Serve, Joy, Peace, Thankfulness, Self-Discipline, Accountability, Forgiveness, Dependence, Flexibility, Desire for Growth, Faithfulness, Hope

The Internal Systems: The Head: Jesus Christ our Savior, Shepherd, Sovereign, and Sanctifier

Why is it important to remember that Jesus is the head/ultimate leader of our church and not to call ourselves after mere men? Read 1 Cor. 1:12-13 and discuss Biblical violations and applications of this principle



II. Outline: 7 Foundations of a Biblical Church:

1. The Foundation of God’s G (Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone) (1 Cor. 3:4-15, Rom. 11:36)
2. The Foundation of God’s S (Jesus our Cornerstone–100% Deity & Humanity)(Colossians 1:13-18, 1 Peter 2:2-7)
3. The Foundation of God’s S (Prayer – Power, Perspective, Perseverance) (Colossians 1:9-12, 4:2)
4. The Foundation of God’s G (The Good News of Jesus Life, Death, & Resurrection = Righteousness, Forgiveness, & Eternal Life IF one is believing in Jesus through repentance, faith, and Lordship) (Acts 2:22-32, Romans 3:20-26, Mt. 6:33, Mark 1:15, Luke 24:47, John 3:16)
5. The Foundation of God’s C (The Body & Bride of Christ – the pillar and support of the truth) (Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 1:22-23, 3:10-11, 3:21, 4:1-16, 5:23-32)
6. The Foundation of God’s W (The Bible/Canon, revelation from God to measure truth from error, right from wrong, good from evil) (2 Timothy 3:10-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Hebrews 1:1-2, 4:12, Romans 15:4, John 8:32, 17:17)
7. The Foundation of God’s S (Preaching) (1 Timothy 4:12-13, 5:20, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Titus 2:15)

Blanks: Glory, Son, Spirit, Gospel, Church, Word, Shepherds

There are probably more than just 7 Biblical foundations of Biblical churches – can you think of any and verses to support?

III: Main Points Expanded:

1. The Foundation of God’s G (Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone) (1 Cor. 3:4-15, Rom. 11:36)

Our Church must be: God Focused, God Powered, God Glorifying because according to 1 Cor. 3 it is

1. **God’s growth**
2. **God’s workers**
3. **God’s field**
4. **God’s building**
5. **God’s grace**

- a. Like Paul we must be wise master builders In building this church for **God’s glory**
- b. The Foundation of the church must be and is Jesus Christ – **His truth, His Word, His Gospel**
- c. We must build/invest in what lasts (people) costly stones: gold, silver, precious stones (only people/their souls last forever)
- d. The quality of our work will be tested (what endures = rewards) (what is burned up = loss)
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 - Our greatest joy/fulfillment/satisfaction is in giving God the glory due Him (1 Peter 1:8, 5:11, Jude 1:25) – He is worthy (Rev. 4:11)
 - Soli Deo Gloria reminds us that we were created for God and that life is ALL About the Triune God/Jesus, and not all about us/me (Psalm 115:1, 1 Tim. 1:17, 6:16, Rev. 5:13-14, 15:3-4)
 - We are all trophies of His glorious grace (Eph. 1:6, 1:12, 1:14, 2 Peter 3:18)

5 Things to Remember about Soli Deo Gloria https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/5-things-to-remember-about-soli-deo-gloria.html#google_vignette ² Corinthians 4:15 tells us that our salvation through grace produces glory to God. Ephesians 2:8-9 explains that the grace of God strips us of our ability to boast in our own doing or works. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 tells us that no human shall boast in pride before the Lord, but we are to boast only in God. Ephesians 1:4-6 explains that the great purpose of our life is to bring glory, honor, and praise unto the grace of God. Romans 11:33-36 states that to Him alone belongs all glory. Isaiah 2:12-17 speaks of man being brought low, and God alone being exalted. **Simply put, soli Deo gloria means that everything is done for God’s glory, and not for mankind’s self-glorification and pride. The glory of God is, at its core, the holiness of God put on display and the ultimate goal of all things (Isaiah 6:3, Isaiah 43:6-7).** **Can you think of any other verses that back up the principle of “soli deo gloria”? Also discuss why the Reformers said no glory to a Pope/mere men, but glory to God ALONE!**

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LOVE GOD SUPREMELY

Matthew 22:37-38 ³⁷ And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

SERVE PEOPLE SINCERELY

Matthew 22:39 ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

John 13:34-35 ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

REACH THE LOST URGENTLY

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

- “The Acts of the Lord Jesus through his people by the Holy Spirit for the accomplishment of the Father’s purposes.”

Stephen's Perfect

OLD TESTAMENT

SURVEY

Acts 7:1-60

please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your fathers. Joseph wept when they spoke to him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for I am in the place of God." 20 As for you, you have done evil against me, but God meant it for good to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear, I will provide for you and your families. Thus he comforted them and sent them away.

of Joseph

Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his brothers. Joseph lived 110 years. 22 And Joseph's brothers and the children of the third generation of Joseph also came to Egypt.

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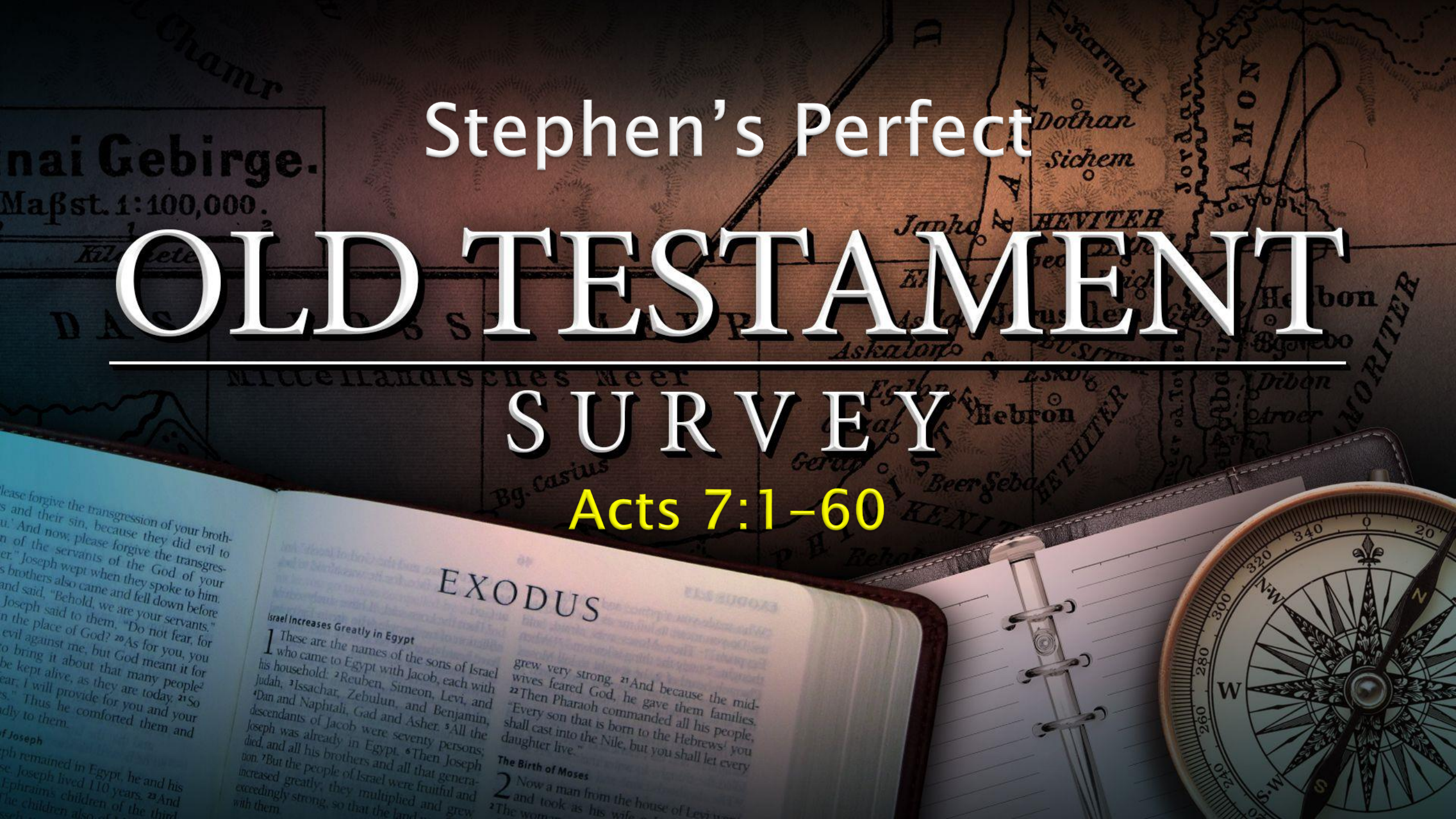
Israel Increases Greatly in Egypt

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7 But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

The Birth of Moses

2 Now a man from the house of Levi named Amram and took as his wife Jochebed, a daughter of Levi, his father's sister. 2 The woman

grew very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews I will cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."



How to biblically **serve** and **imitate** powerful men like Stephen

Acts 6:5 Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit ...**Acts 6:8-10** ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. ...¹⁰ But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

Stephen was filled FULL of the Holy Spirit – Acts 6:5, 6:8

- ✓ **Full of Faith** (πίστις *pistis*: faith, faithfulness)
- ✓ **Full of the Holy Spirit** (πνεῦμα *pneuma*: wind) (ἅγιος *hagios*: sacred, holy)
- ✓ **Full of Grace** (χάρις *charis*: grace, kindness) **and power** (δύναμις *dunamis*: (miraculous) power, might, strength)
- ✓ **Full of Wisdom** (σοφία *sophia*: skill, wisdom)

Outline of Acts 7:1-60

- Stephen's **Defense** (Accused of blaspheming against Moses and God, against the holy place/temple and the law – Acts 6:11,13)
 - God of Glory/ **Abrahamic Covenant** (Acts 7:2-19)
 - Descendants/Mighty Nation (Genesis 12:1-3), Nations (Gen. 17:4-6)
 - Land Promises (Genesis 12:7, 13:15-18, 15:18, 17:8)
 - Gospel/All Nations Blessed through You/the Seed of Abraham – Christ (Gen. 12:3, 18:18, Gal. 3:16)
 - God of Glory/ **Mosaic Covenant** (Acts 7:20-44)
 - Law as a Moral Standard/Protection/best way to live (Exodus 20, Deut. 5, Mt. 22:37-39)
 - Law as a Tutor/schoolmaster to lead us to Christ/knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20, 28, Gal. 2:16, 3:11, 3:24)
 - Law fulfilled by Christ / imputed righteousness (Mt. 5:17-18, Rom. 8:4, 7:12 - the law is holy, righteous, good)
 - God of Glory/ **Davidic Covenant** (Acts 7:45-50)
 - The Temple is only a model after the original in heaven (Hebrews 8-9)
 - The Temple cannot contain God / God doesn't need it (Isaiah 66:1-2)
 - The Temple will be rebuilt by Christ (Mt. 26:61, Mark 14:58, John 2:19, Mal. 3:1, Ez. 40-48, Amos 9:11-15, Is. 56:7, 1 Chron. 17:11-14)
- Stephen's **Offense** /Accusation (Acts 7:51-56)
- Stephen's **Martyrdom** (Acts 7:57-60)

Reaching the Most Unreachable

(Converting the most Caustic/Opposed to the Gospel)

Acts 6:7 ⁷ The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

- **Truth** (preaching and teaching God's Word, especially the Gospel)

Acts 5:42 ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

- **Love** (genuine care and compassion among believers)

Acts 2:44-47 ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- **Power** (changed lives – the miracle of salvation)

Acts 4:14 ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

Acts 5:16 ¹⁶ Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

The Great Commandments and Great Commission – Matthew 22:37-39 and 28:18-20

The Multiplication Mission of the Church – Acts 1:8

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- **Matthew 28:18-20** ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- **Acts 1:8** ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Baptism *Identification*

Therefore
go and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching
them to obey everything I have
commanded you. And surely I am with
you always, to the very end of
the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you

Obedience
Sanctification

Make disciples of all nations

Gospel
Justification

I am with you always - to the end of the age

Kingdom *Glorification*

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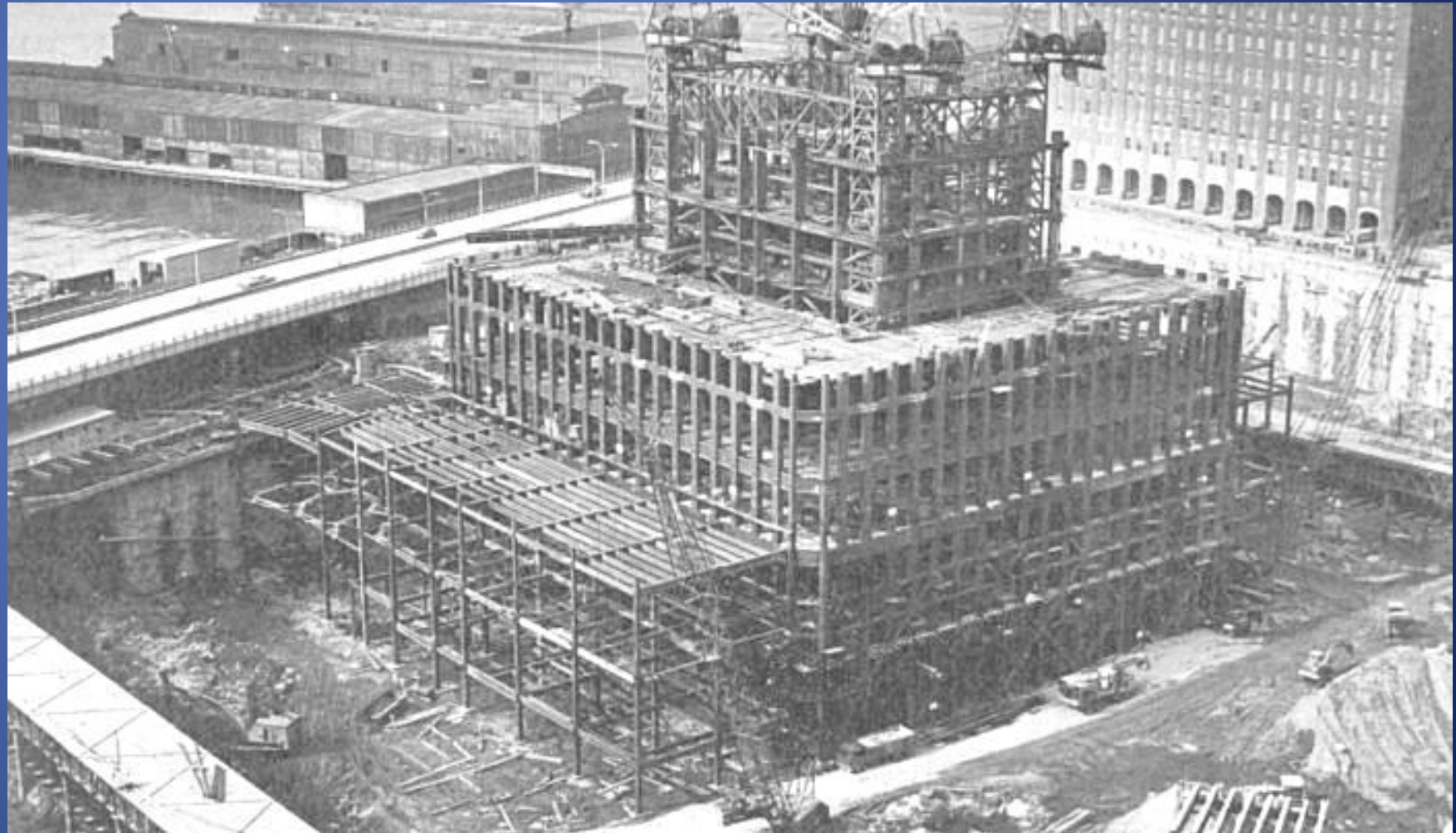
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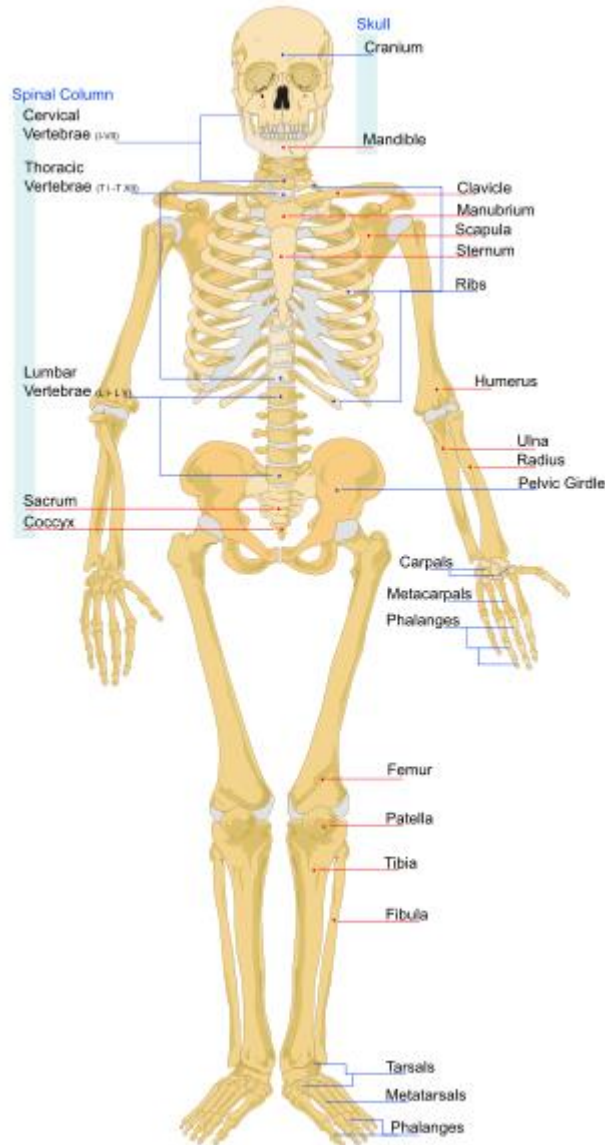
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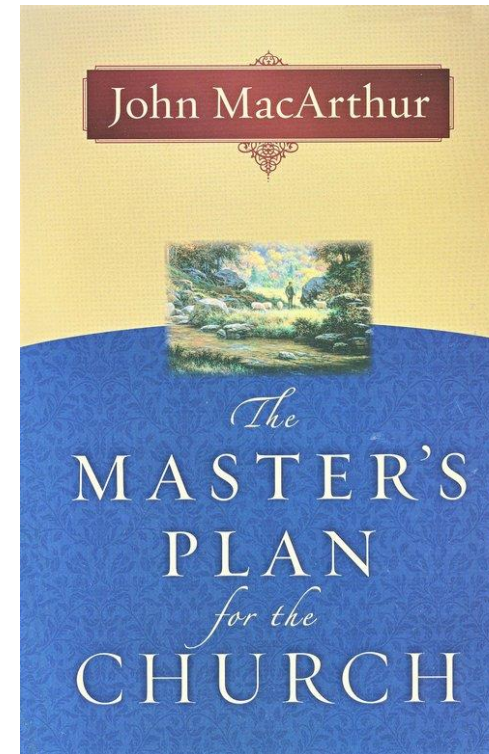
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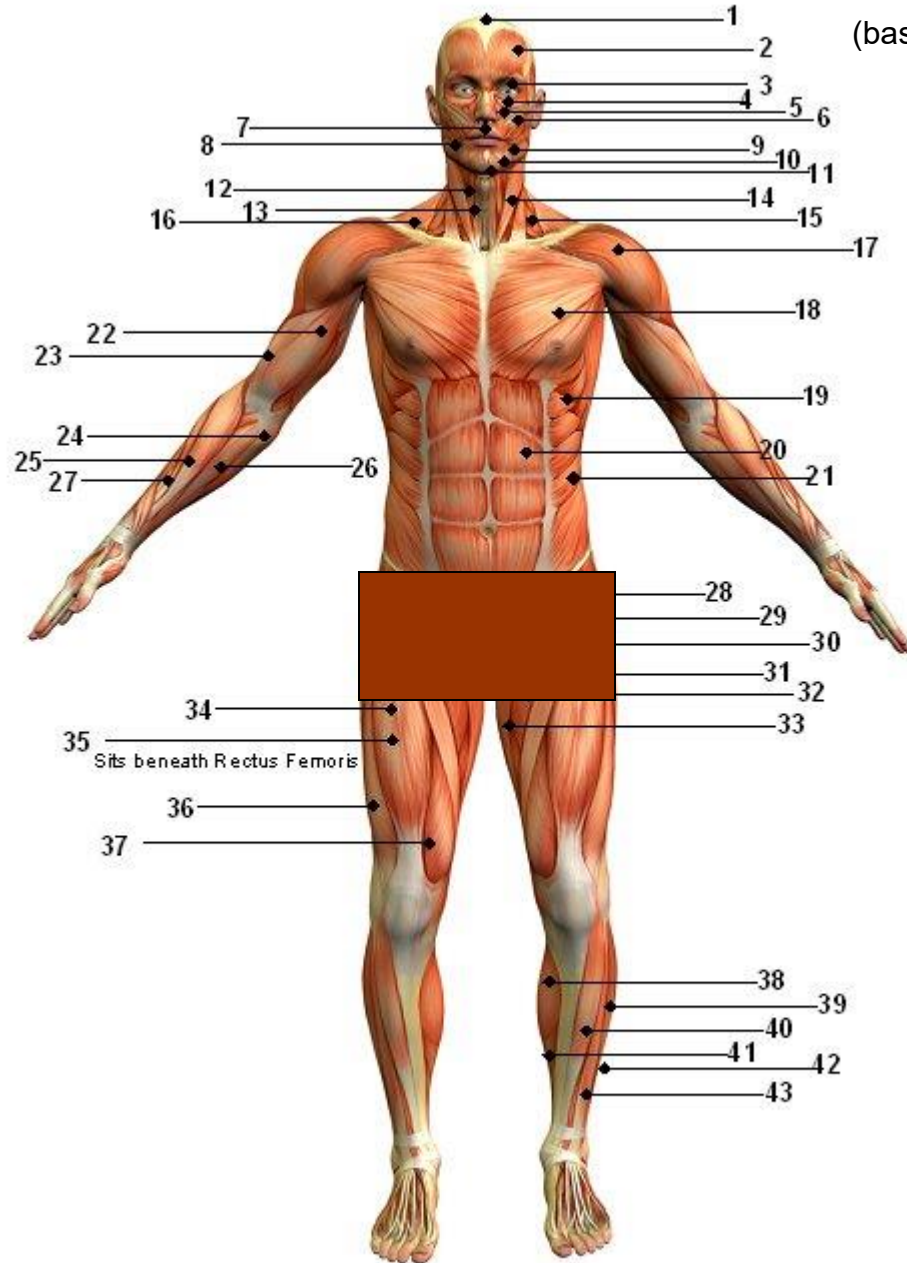
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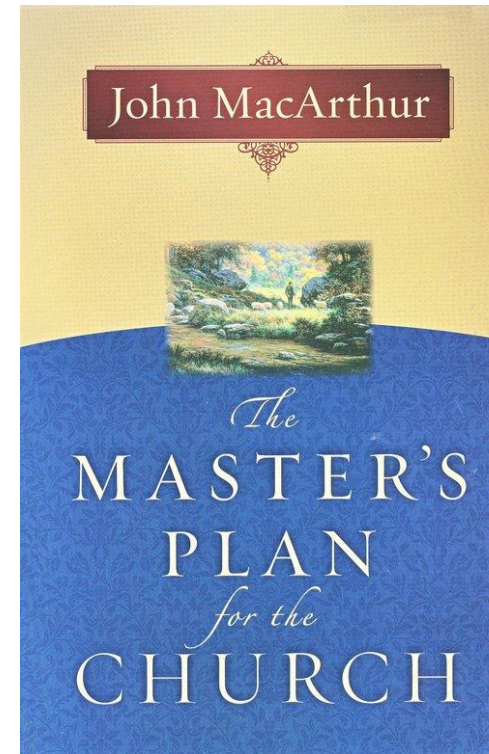
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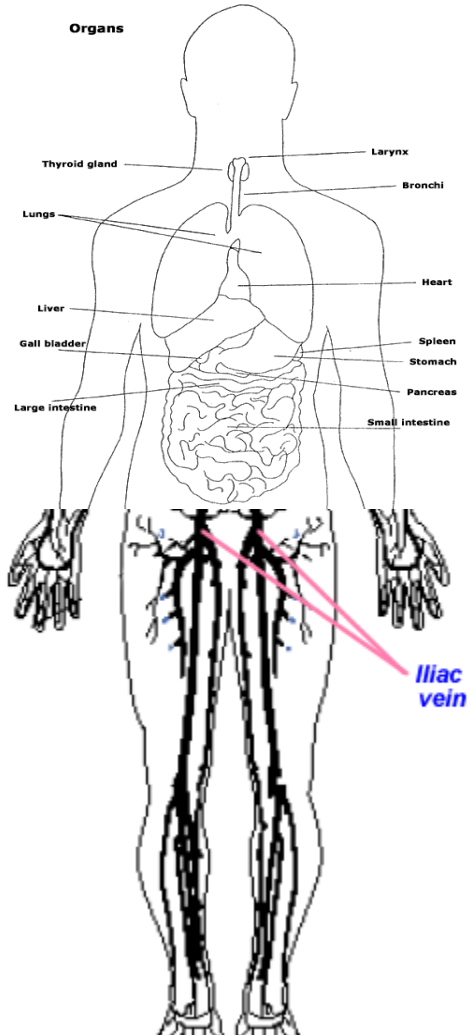
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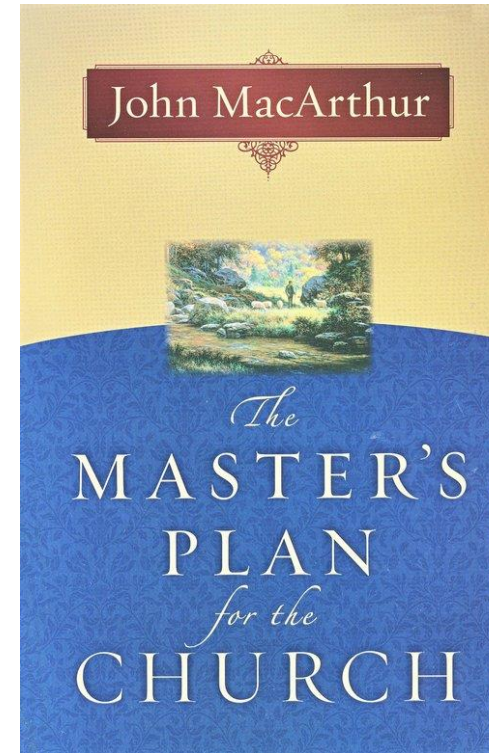
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Truth Bible Church Mission Statement:

“Followers of Jesus seeking to
Love God supremely,
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How we built TBC

- **The Great Commandments (Mt 22:37-39)**
 - Love God supremely
 - Serve People sincerely
- **The Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20)**
 - Reach the lost urgently
- **Our Great Resources (God has given us...)**
 - **His Holy Son**
 - Revelation (Humble Incarnation)
 - Righteousness (Perfect Life)
 - Forgiveness (Sacrificial Death)
 - Eternal Life (Victorious Resurrection)
 - Intercession (Visible Ascension)
 - Rescue/Reward (Imminent Rapture)
 - Kingdom (Glorious Return/2nd Coming)
 - **His Holy Spirit**
 - Intercession (Romans 8:
 - Prayer/Power (Col. 4:2-6) Fasting (Matthew 6:16-18)
 - Spiritual Gifts/Pillar (Eph. 4, Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12)
 - Fruits of the Spirit/Progress (Gal. 5)
 - **His Holy Word / The Bible**
 - Inspired, Inerrant, Infallible (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Clear, Sufficient, Sovereign (Psalm 19, 119, 2 Peter 1:3-8. Heb. 4:12)
 - Unchanging, Undefeated, Unstoppable (Mt. 24:35, Mk. 13:31, Lk. 21:33, Is. 55:11)
 - Saves and Sanctifies (John 8:32, 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:15, Psalm 19:7)
 - **His Holy Church**
 - Evangelists/Missionaries (Ephesians 4:11)
 - Elders/Pastors/Shepherds (Titus 1:5-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Acts 20:17-38)
 - Deacons/Servants (Acts 6:1-6, 1 Tim. 3:8-13)
 - Members/Followers/Slaves (1 Peter 5:5, Heb. 13:17, Cor. 16:16)
- **Our Great Responsibility**
 - **A High View of God**
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The Foundations of a Biblical Church:

2. The Foundation of God's Son (to have the supremacy in EVERYTHING)

Jesus is our...

- Deliverer (from the domain of darkness - slavery to Sin/Satan/Hell)
- King (Entrance into God's Eternal Kingdom)
- Redeemer (redemption - saved from God's wrath by His blood)
- Savior (Forgiveness of ALL sin)

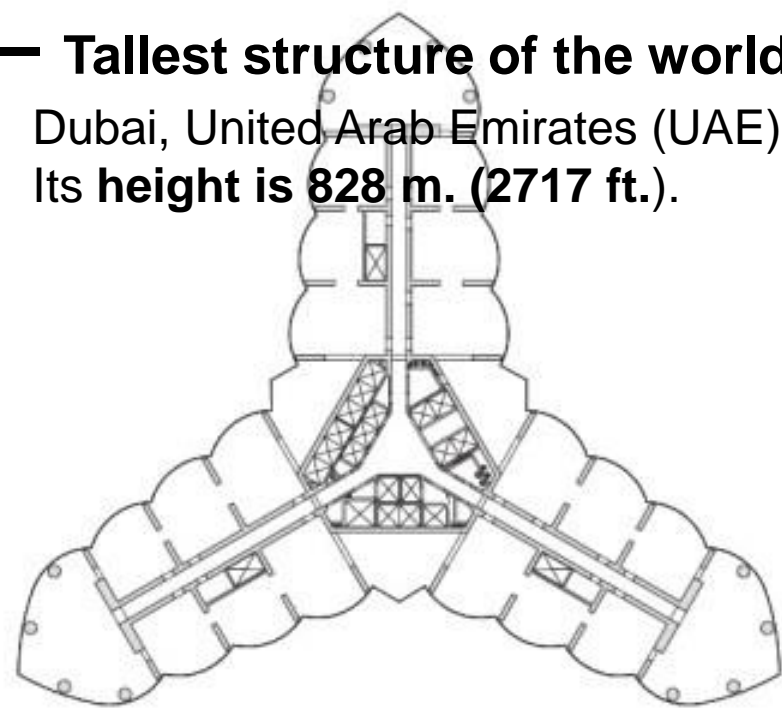
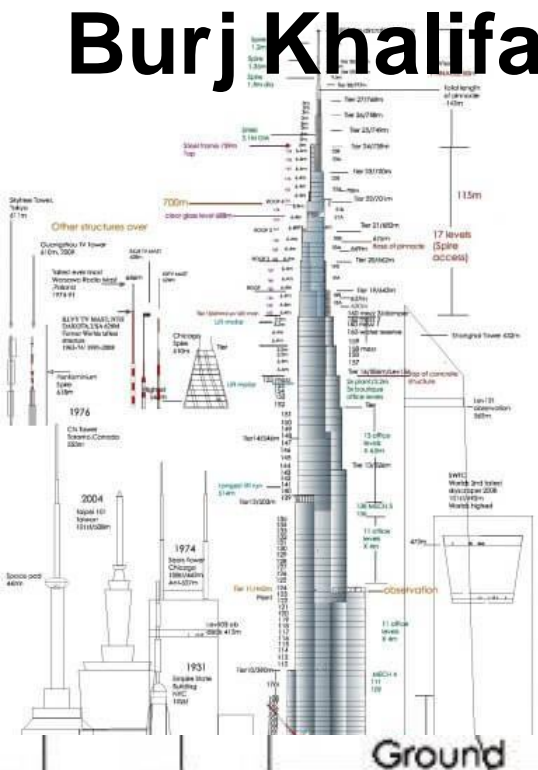
Jesus is:

1. The Image of the Invisible God
2. Firstborn of all creation (Unique one/preeminent)
3. The Creator of the Universe (all things created through Him and FOR Him)
4. Sustainer of Life (in Him all things hold together)
5. Head of the Church
6. First one from the dead (beginning – will raise us also)
7. Worthy of 1st Place/Supremacy in EVERYTHING

Colossians 1:13-18 ¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Burj Khalifa — Tallest structure of the world

Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
Its height is 828 m. (2717 ft.).



3.75m thick slab
8,000sqm
194 concrete piles (1.5m dia) 50m deep

Over 45,000 m³ (58,900 cu yd) of concrete, weighing more than 110,000 tons (220 million lbs) were used to construct the concrete and steel foundation, which features 192 piles buried more than 50 m (164 ft) deep. Its construction was started in 2004. It took 5+ years to complete and was opened in January 2010.

192 Concrete Columns
5 feet in diameter
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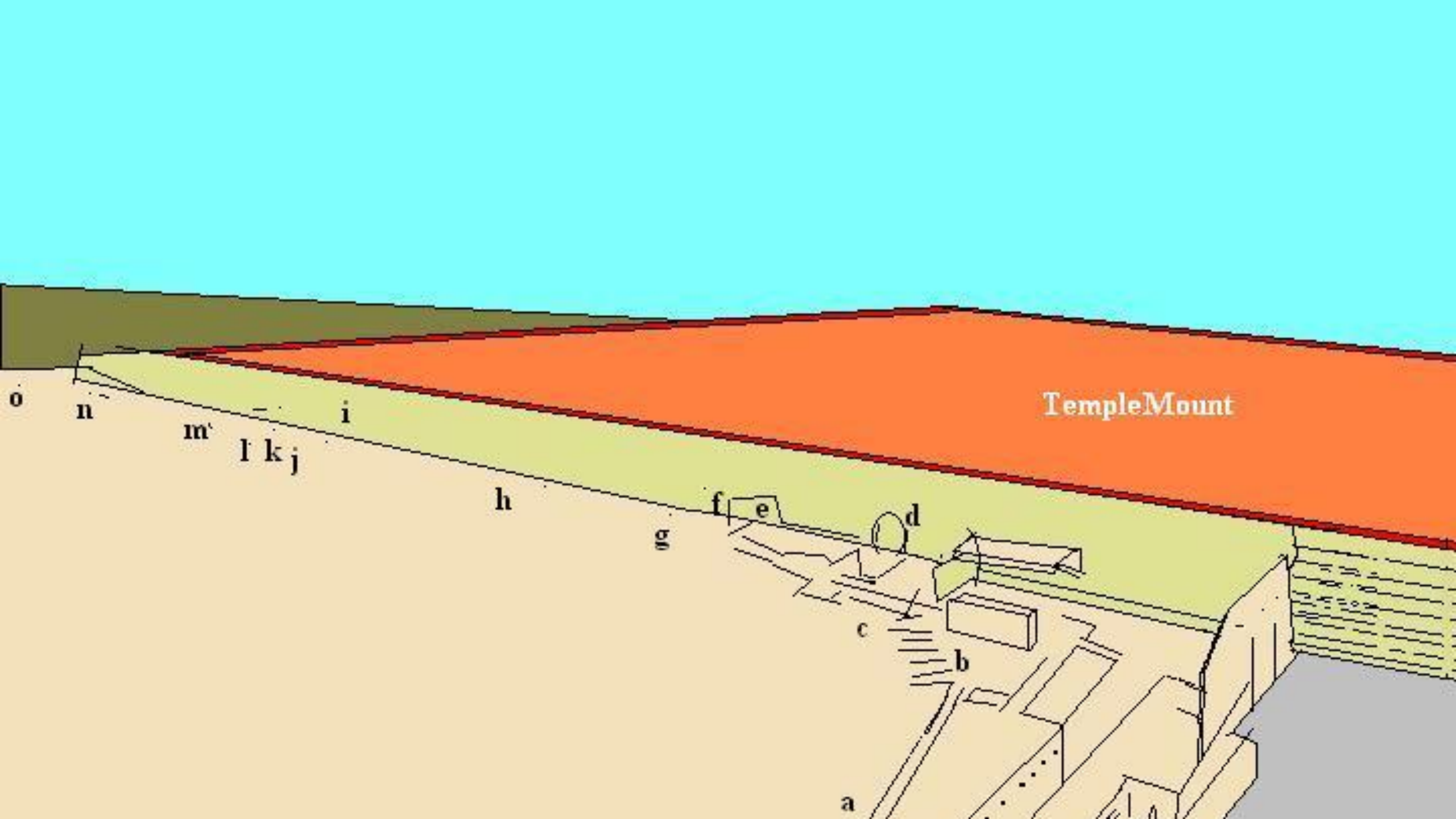






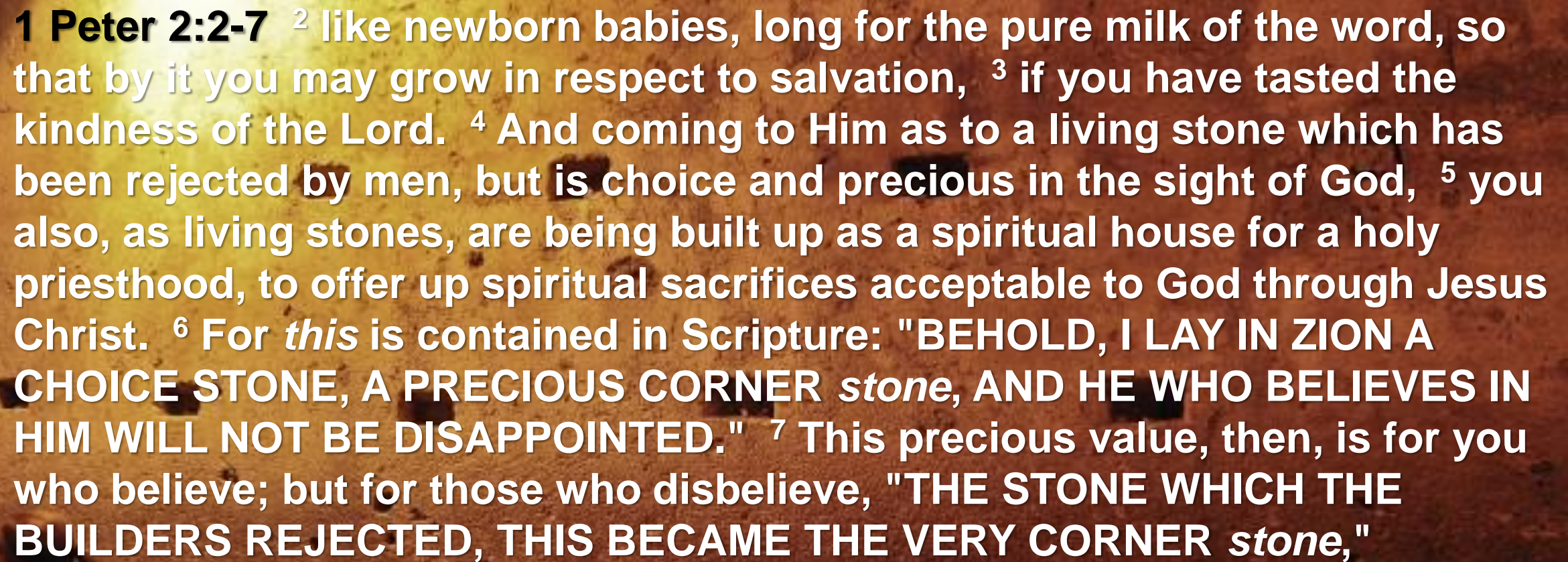




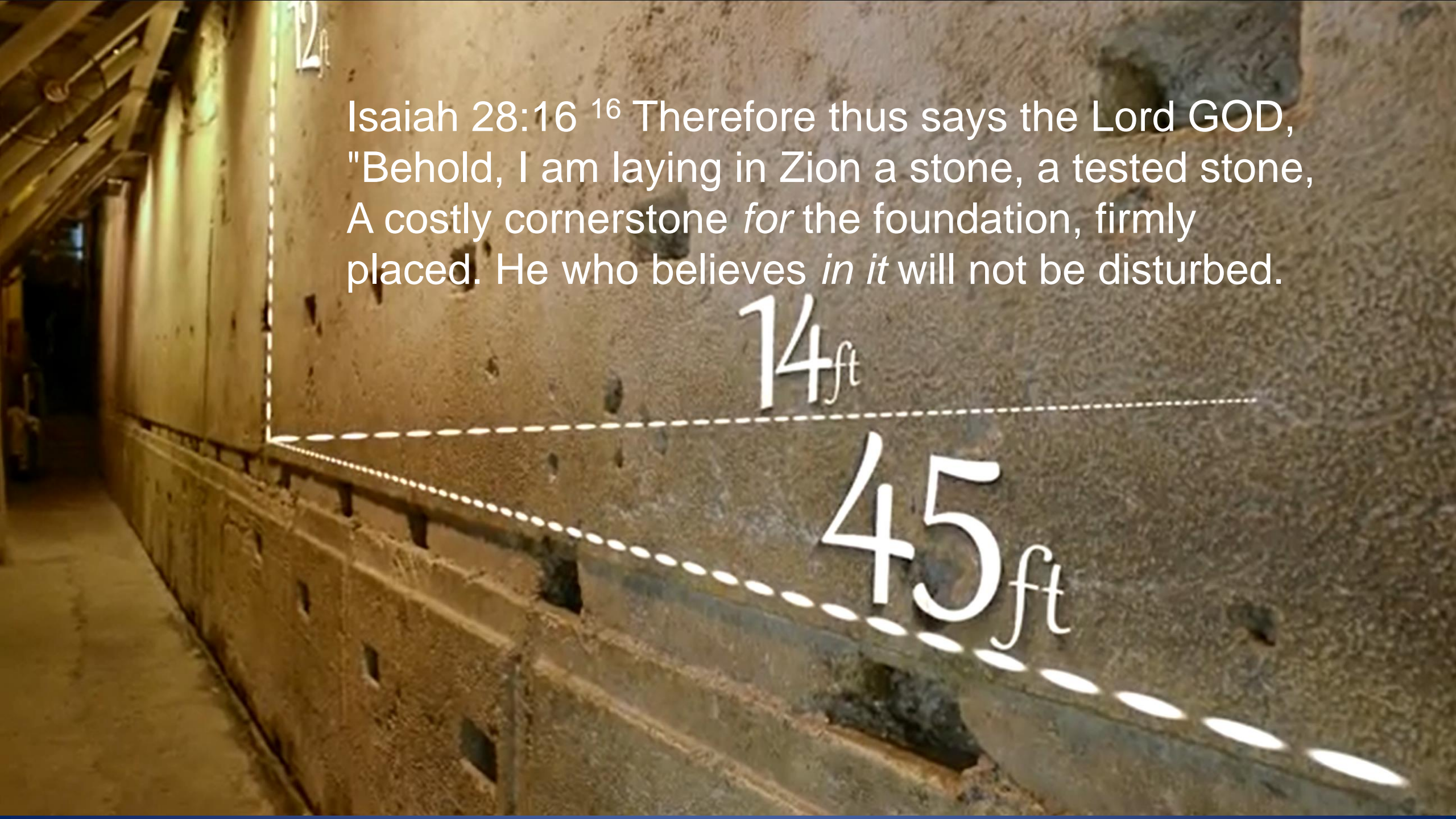




CAUTION
DO NOT TOUCH

A photograph of a stone wall, likely an ancient or historical structure, with a spotlight illuminating a section of it. The wall is made of large, irregular stones. The lighting is warm and focused, creating a dramatic effect. The text is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

1 Peter 2:2-7 ² like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. ⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For *this* is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*,"



Isaiah 28:16 ¹⁶ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD,
"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone,
A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly
placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.

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The Foundations of a Biblical Church:

3. The Foundation of God's Spirit

(Perspective, Power, and Perseverance through Prayer)

Our Church must be:

- Devoted to Prayer

(Ps. 62, Col. 4:2, 1 Thess. 5:17)

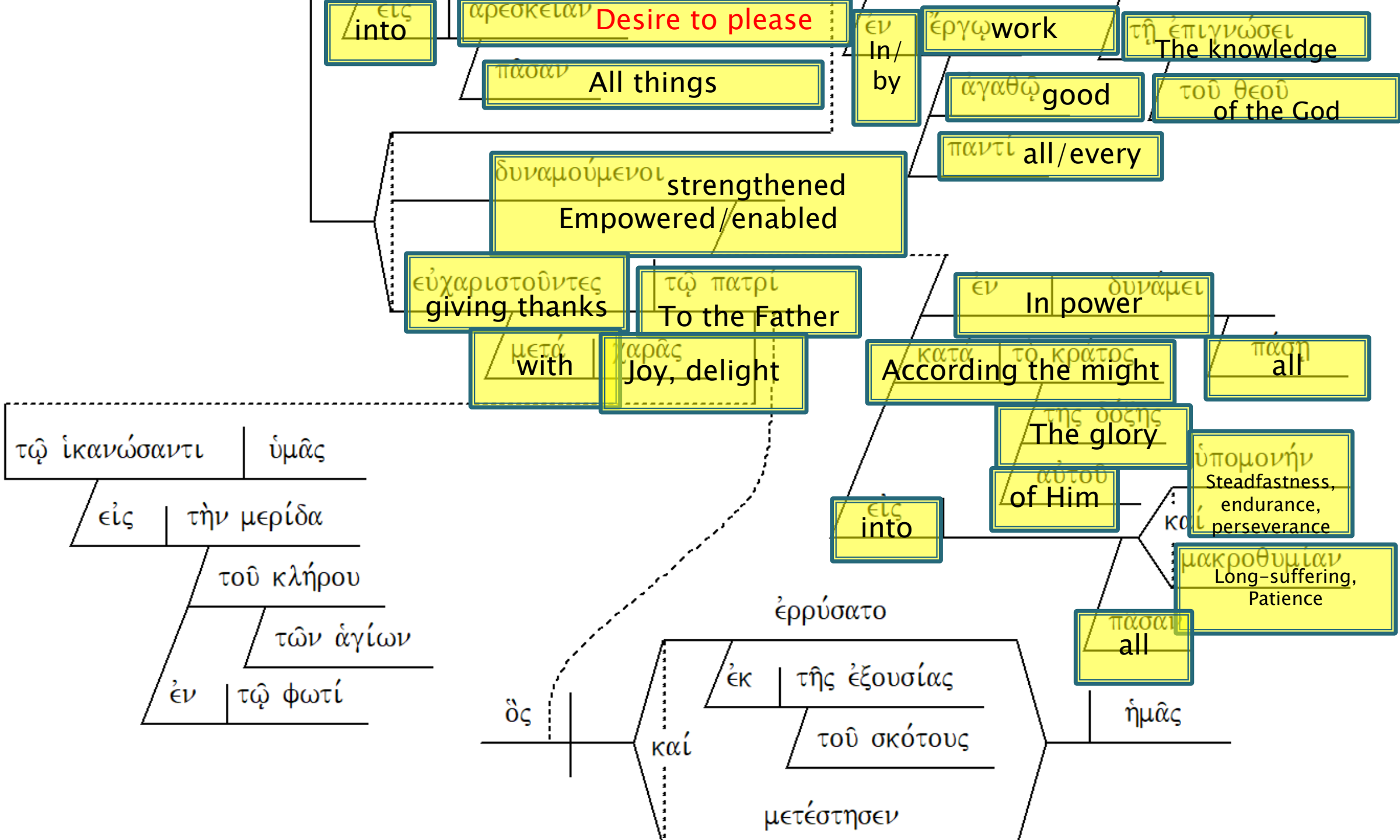
- Praying for each other

(like Paul was praying for the Colossians)

in order to be:

1. **Filled** (with God's knowledge, wisdom, understanding)
2. **Walk Worthy** of the Lord
 - a. Pleasing Him at all times/all ways
 - b. Fruitful in good works/increasing knowledge
 - c. Strengthened (all power, all steadfastness)
 - d. Giving Thanks to the Father (inheritance)

Colossians 1:9-12 ⁹ For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.



The Foundations of a Biblical Church:

4. The Foundation of God's Gospel

(The Good News of Jesus Christ's Perfect Life, Sacrificial Death, and Victorious Resurrection)

1. God's Plan of the Gospel – **LOVE (relationship)**

John 3:16, 17:3, Hebrews 8:10-13 (purpose to know, love, serve, worship God forever)

2. Man's Problem requiring the Gospel – **SIN (separation, death, Hell)**

Romans 3:23, 6:23, Isaiah 59:2

3. God's Provision of the Gospel – **Jesus (Savior & Lord)**

(Jesus' life, death, resurrection for
Imputed righteousness, total forgiveness, and eternal life)

Colossians 2:13-16, 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18

4. Man's Participation to receive the Gospel – **Believing** (trusting & relying)

(true belief involves repentance, faith, and Lordship)

Acts 16:31, 17:30, Romans 10:9-13

5. God's Promise because of the Gospel – **Life**

(New life now, Kingdom life soon, Heavenly life forever)

John 10:10, 2 Cor. 5:15-21, Col. 1:13, Rev. 21-22

Acts 2:22-36 (The Source of Salvation) ²² "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know-- ²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴ "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. ²⁵ "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. ²⁶ 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE; ²⁷ BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. ²⁸ 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.' ²⁹ "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, ³¹ he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. ³² "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. ³³ "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. ³⁴ "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, ³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'" ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."

The Foundations of a Biblical Church:

4. The Foundation of God's Gospel

(The Good News of Jesus Christ's Perfect Life, Sacrificial Death, and Victorious Resurrection)

Romans 10:9-13 ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

Acts 2:38-42 (The Response to Salvation)

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Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

The Gospel/Good News is Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection

Jesus' PERFECT LIFE = Imputed **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- Matthew 5:17-18, 1 John 3:51, Peter 2:21-22, Hebrews 4:15, 7:26-28
Romans 8:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Jesus' SACRIFICIAL DEATH = Total **FORGIVENESS**

- Matthew 9:5-7, 26:26-28, Mark 2:7,10, Luke 24:47, Colossians 2:13-14, Acts 2:38, 10:43, 13:38-39, 26:17-18, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:13-14, Hebrews 9:22-28, Romans 5:8-10, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18, Isaiah 53:4-5

Jesus' VICTORIOUS RESURRECTION = Eternal **LIFE**

- John 1:1-31, 2:25, 11:25-26, 3:15-16, 3:36, 5:24, 6:40, 6:47, 10:27-30, 17:2-3, Acts 13:48, Romans 5:10-11, 5:21, 8:11, 5:17, 6:22-23, 1 Timothy 1:16, Titus 3:5-71, 1 John 5:11-13, 5:20

True Belief requires and includes the heart attitudes of Repentance, Faith, and Lordship

REPENTANCE - Leave (sin, self, Satan) willingness to turn from sin

- **Mark 1:15-17** "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶ As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
- **Luke 18:13-14** ¹³ "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴ "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."
- **Luke 24:46-48** "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ "You are witnesses of these things.
- **John 8:11-12** And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more." ¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."
- **Ephesians 4:17-24** ¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; ¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. ²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- **Colossians 3:5-11** ⁵ Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶ For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, ¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him-- ¹¹ *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.*

FAITH - Lean (rely, trust, depend) salvation through faith

- Romans 3:22 *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe;
- Galatians 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Philippians 3:8-9 the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

LORDSHIP - Lord (learn, live, love)

- **Romans 10:9-13** ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

To receive the gospel you must repent and believe the good news by faith – trusting and willing to follow and worship Jesus as your personal Savior and LORD!

Are you willing to Learn from Jesus? (knowledge, understanding, wisdom)

- **John 5:24** ²⁴ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.
- **John 8:51** ⁵¹ "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death."
- **John 14:23-26** ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. ²⁴ "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. ²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- **James 1:21-22** ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.
- **Acts 10:34-36** "I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. ³⁶ "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)–
- **2 Peter 3:17-18** ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Are you willing to Live for Jesus? (follow, obey, apply)

- **John 14:15-21** ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."
- **Luke 6:46-49** ⁴⁶ "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ "But the one who has heard and has not acted *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."
- **Matthew 7:22-28** ²² "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' ²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell-- and great was its fall." ²⁸ When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching;
- **1 John 2:3-6** ³ By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: ⁶ the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Are you willing to Love like Jesus? (worship, glorify, exalt)

Matthew 22:37-38 ³⁷ And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

The Bible Warns About False Gospels, Fraudulent works of the Holy Spirit, and Fake Versions of Jesus

- **2 Corinthians 11:4** ⁴ For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear *this* beautifully.
- **Galatians 1:6-9** ⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

1. The False Gospel of NO REPENTANCE

(no sorrow, brokenness, contrition, confession of sin, no willingness to leave your life of sin/slavery to sin)

Jesus said in **Mark 1:15** ¹⁵ "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

- **Repent** (μετανοέω *metanoëo*: to change one's mind or *purpose*)
 - From μετά *meta* (to change): *with, among, after*
 - AND νοέω *noëo*: to perceive, think (mind, heart, inner will)
- **Believe** (πιστεύω *pisteuo*: to believe, entrust)
 - From πίστις *pistis*: faith, faithfulness
 - Root: πείθω *peitho*: to persuade, to have confidence
- **Good News** (εὐαγγέλιον *euaggelion*: good news)
 - From ευ *eu*: well / εϋς *eus* (good)
 - AND ἄγγελος *aggelos*: a messenger, angel
- **Luke 18:13-14, 24:47, Acts 2:38, 17:30, 20:21, 26:20, 2 Corinthians 7:8-11**

2. The False Gospel with NO Lordship

(no willingness to obey, follow, worship Jesus as Lord/master/owner/boss)

Jesus said in **Luke 6:46-49** ⁴⁶ "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" ⁴⁷ "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ "But the one who has heard and has not acted *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

Also Matthew 7:21-27 ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²² "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'" ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'" ²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell-- and great was its fall."

- Matthew 10:37, Mark 8:34-38, Luke 14:26-35, John 12:25, Romans 6:16-18, ***10:9-13

3. The False Gospel with Easy Believism/ Cheap Grace (belief is only intellectual assent not trusting, relying, or depending)

- **James 2:19-26** ¹⁹ You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. ²⁰ But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? ...²² You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. ... ²⁶ For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
- **Matthew 15:8-9** ⁸ " 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"
- Isaiah 29:13, Romans 6:1-18, Titus 1:16, 1 John 2:3-6, 2 Timothy 2:19,

4. False Gospel without change/holy living by the Holy Spirit (or gospel without put offs, put ons) (gospel without old life gone, new life come) gospel without the indwelling Holy Spirit.

- **2 Corinthians 5:15-21** ¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. ¹⁶ Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- **Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:22-32, John 14-17, Romans 8:5-14, 1 John 1:5-2:6, Col. 3:1-17**

5. False Gospel with a Fake Jesus – Jesus is not divine/100% God, Jesus is not a real man/100% human, He is just a good moral teacher, just a prophet, Jesus is a created being, Jesus is only love, never judges, is here to make me happy and give me what I want (vs promote His own glory)

- **John 1:1-5, 1:14 ,1:51 ,3:13, 8:18-24,10:30-33,20:31-21:1, 1 John 2:22-23, 4:1-3, 4:15**
- **1 John 4:2-3** ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.
- **1 John 5:10-13** ¹⁰ Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.
- **John 5:1-5** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, ... ⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- **Ephesians 1:7-12, Colossians 1:15, 2:9, Acts 9:22, Romans 8:34, 1 Cor. 12:3, 15:1-4**

6. False WORKS Based Gospel where you earn or maintain your salvation by your own good deeds. (What you must DO vs what Jesus has already DONE – God’s Grace vs Man’s Performance)

- **Ephesians 2:8-10** ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- **Philippians 3:3-9** we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh-- ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. ⁷ But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.
- **Romans 3:20-26, 4:2-4, 9:12,32, Galatians 2:16, 3:12**

The Foundations of a Biblical Church:

Next Week:

- 5. The Foundation of God's Church (Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 4:1-16)
- 6. The Foundation of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:10-17)
- 7. The Foundation of God's Shepherd's (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

SO WHAT?

Application



1 Timothy 3:15-16

I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the **church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.** ¹⁶ By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.