

Doctrine no 20

Building upon the correct foundation

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This evening I would like to spend some time looking at Doctrine and how it must have the correct foundation, or you will build upon that foundation in vain. To begin with let's turn in our Bibles to The Gospel of Luke, and we'll examine something Jesus speaks of concerning building a correct foundation.

Luke 6:47 *Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and **digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock**: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

Notice Jesus tells us that a foundation that is dug deep, and founded upon a rock will weather any storm that comes its way. He tells us this is the sure foundation, and notice also this rock Jesus is speaking of is Revelation,

That is what the Apostle Paul said us in **2 Timothy 2:19** *Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, ...* and if the foundation of God stands sure, then what would be the point of building another foundation. We already have the correct foundation to build upon.

Brother Branham makes it very clear in his sermon, **The Rapture**, that the Rock Jesus was referring to was **Revelation**.

Rapture the 65-1204 P:42 *In the Bible... Cain and Abel didn't have a Bible to read, but it was revealed to Abel **by faith, which is a revelation**. Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, which God testified that he was righteous. When Jesus was asked here in **Matthew 16:17 and 18**... We haven't time to read it, but if you want to write it down. He said, "Who does man say I, the Son of man, am?" One of them said, "You're Moses, Elias, or someone." He said, "But who do you say I am?" He said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you; My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you. Upon this rock..." **The spiritual revelation of Who God is, Who Jesus is, and He is the revelation of God, God made in flesh and revealed to the world. He was in the world; God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, revealing what God was in a body of flesh. "Thou art the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God." He said, "Flesh and blood never revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you. Upon this rock, I'll build My church (the revelation of the Word in It's season)--I'll build My church and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it."***

So the church is built upon *a sure foundation*, and that foundation is *the Revelation of Jesus Christ*. Now, let me take you to another Scripture where Jesus speaks concerning doctrine, and notice he compares the doctrine of the Pharisees to the Doctrine of Christ.

Matthew 16:12 *Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of **the doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.** 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** 18 And I say also unto thee, Peter, you are just a tiny stone, but **upon this rock of Revelation that My father revealed unto you, I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.***

So what we are looking at is having the correct foundation to build the church of God upon, and that correct foundation is Jesus Christ and Him Crucified as Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:20** *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;***

This same Apostle also speaks of this in **1 Corinthians 3:10** *According to the grace of God which is given unto **me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.** 11 For no **other foundation can any man lay than what is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.** 12 Now **if any man build upon this foundation** gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it,** because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 **If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.** 15 **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.***

Notice this same apostle also said in **Hebrews 6:1** *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation...***

Therefore we are commanded not to try to lay another foundation upon that which has already been laid. That would be really stupid if a man is building his house and he lays a foundation, and then another builder comes along and says, I have a better plan, and so he lays another foundation on top of the one already laid down.

That would weaken the entire foundational structure, because the foundations must be laid upon a footer, to keep it from sinking or settling or cracking from settling, and thus weakening the entire structure. Anyone who lays any other foundation other than what has already been laid will not be building up the church but will be building himself a different building altogether.

Paul said in **1 Timothy 6:19** *Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

So the foundation he laid out for us as a master builder, was Jesus Christ and Him crucified, which is a good foundation, that leads to eternal life. That is why Paul was very critical of anyone coming along and not saying what he already said. The same with Moses and with William Branham.

Deuteronomy 31:25 *That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, 26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. 27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death? 28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. 29 For **I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. 30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.***

Now, this which I highlighted, hold in your memory because we will come to it again in the New testament. **Acts 20:29** *For I know this, that **after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.***

Deuteronomy 31:1 *Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 **My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.***

So when we hear Jesus speak of building the foundation upon a Rock, he's speaking of building it upon the God Rock, and the revelation of that God and How he was in christ reconciling the world to Himself.

God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:37 *Now, the word "**Deuteronomy**," the word itself means "**two laws**," the word "**Deuteronomy**." And **God has two laws**. The two laws: **one of them is disobedient to the Word and die; and the other one is obedience to the Word and live**. That's the two laws, and "**Deuteronomy**" means those "**two laws**." They have both been absolutely displayed to us in the Scripture. **One of them is death; the other one is Life: Life and death. God deals only in Life, Satan only in death.***

So we have seen, Moses, Jesus and Paul tell us that no other Rock can be built upon for the foundation of the church except the One true God who is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 32:45 *And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: 46 And he said unto them, **Set your hearts unto all the words** which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, **all the words** of this law.*

And we heard Moses warn the people that after he left people would deviate from what he had said, and we heard the apostle Paul make the same warning and even said if they did they would be cursed in **Galatians 1:6-9**. And we hear Jesus in the last chapter of the Book of revelation make the same promise.

Revelations 22:18 *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

And from his sermon, **Thinking man's filter 65-0822E P:53** brother Branham tells us that the curse upon man came because man did not believe All the words of God as He said them. In other words, by calling into question the meaning of the Word, brought on the fall as we see also in brother Branham's sermon. "*Notice. Oh, my. Esau thought that that birthright didn't mean what God said it did, that it was the difference between life and death. And so like Eve and like Judas, sold their birthrights for a satisfaction of the taste of the knowledge...*"

And from his sermon, **Marriage and divorce 65-0221M P:6** *Now, we realize in making these statements, somebody, if it's only one person, will hang on to it like it was between life and death. There's many of you here will go away believing. 'Course, many of you, perhaps, won't. But I know in my ministry there's people who come to listen at me, listen to what I've got to say, from, well, they're setting right here this morning internationally, from many of the United States, Canada, and across the sea. And you can imagine the strain that it puts you to know that that man's eternal destination lays in your hands, 'cause he's going to hold on to what you say. So God would make me answer for it. And I want to approach this just as sincerely as I can.*

Now, if brother Branham says that God will make him answer for what he says, and then you believe that he deliberately told us things he really didn't believe himself, then what kind of an idiot do you think the prophet is? He is going to be held accountable for telling us the truth, and then you say, he didn't mean what he said, and he didn't say what he meant? To me that would be a total delusion on your part to think that.

From his sermon, **Going beyond the camp 64-0719E P:7** *Therefore, knowing that you are my responsibility and on my hands by the Gospel, I'll always want to keep you right in the pages of this Bible."So when I say it, I want to be dead earnest that it's right with all I know. And then when He speaks to me, I can just say what He showed me."*

So now, I want to get to my point in this sermon, and to do that let's turn in our bibles to

1 Corinthians 3:4 *For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 ¶ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?*

Now, I hope that you will notice that the Apostle Paul was telling us that if we are focused on the vessel that God is using to feed you, then you are carnal. Paul is telling us here that he saw how the people had become carnal because they were comparing one minister to another. One vessel to another vessel.

Now, that may be ok in sports, or in music, but he's telling us here that's carnal when you're dealing with the Word of God, because what have we got that was not given to us from God? He reminds us where they came from, and says, "*Did you get those things on your own?*" If a man thinks his ministry is successful based on any merit of his own, then he's not too mature in the things of the Lord. That's what Paul is saying in **1 Corinthians 4: 7** *For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*

And in **1 Corinthians 14:1** he also said, ¶ *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. 4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. 6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and [to] Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. 7 ¶ For who made thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*

The apostle Paul said in **Romans 3:27** *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.* And Faith comes from God and God alone. For it is not even our own Faith that saves us, but **the Faith of Jesus Christ**. His Faith that He had in His Father to raise Him up. His Faith, and not our own.

Now in getting back to what the Apostle Paul said, in **1 Corinthians 3** and: **6** *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth (is anything); but God that giveth the increase is (everything).* **8** *Now he that plants and he that waters are one (and Why are they one? Because they are planting and watering with the same intention, and that is for the purpose of bringing forth or imparting God-Life.) and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are laborers together **with God:***

I like that. He's telling us we don't act alone, but rather our actions are in accordance with the plan of God and if God doesn't give an increase we could plant all day long and we could water all day long, but if God's not there to bring the increase then all our efforts are in vain. So it is all dependent upon what God's will is. That is why even Jesus himself said, "*The son can of himself do nothing, but whatsoever the son seeth the father do, that the son doeth likewise.*")

Then The Apostle Paul adds. *ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds there-on. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon. 11 ¶ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

In other words don't get too puffed up thinking you or your church or your preacher is top dog, because it will all come out in the wash one day when every man's work will be judged by fire.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. and if it is a genuine work that God is doing and using that man then there will be genuine results. Maybe not all in one place, but there will be results wherever that ministry is taken to if God is the one taking it.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 18 ¶ Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness. 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 21 ¶ Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 And (Don't ever forget) ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

So you see, God is the head honcho if there is to be any head honcho. ***But all this vying for number one is just so carnal.*** When men are determined to have the biggest ministry or the ministry that has the most followers, they are not doing this so that Christ may be glorified, they are doing so from a competitive spirit and not the spirit of Christ.

Now, In the Masterpiece Brother Branham let's you know that you can not have rules without having a basis for those rules, and that basis for rules is the foundation for those rules. And no matter what you build, there has got to be a foundation for the building to stand upon.

From his sermon, **The Masterpiece 64-0705 54** he says, *"I asked Mike, my nephew, to ring that bell in thirty minutes, but he's not doing it, and I've already been thirty minutes. We'll continue on a little bit. See? Now, I don't want to break these rules; I made these rules. See? And here's breaking your own rule."*

Now, A "rule" is *an authoritative, prescribed direction for conduct*. That is one definition, but notice the next definition, A "rule" is *"The body of regulations prescribed by the **founder** of a religious order for governing the conduct of its member."*

Brother Branham continues in pp 61 of the masterpiece by saying, *"Now, watch. **Every masterpiece is put on a foundation of sculpture. Angelo's monument of Moses is on three or four foot piece of marble. It's got a foundation. So God in preparing this masterpiece, He put it on a foundation of the patriarchs. And the patriarch foundation, first was Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob, then Joseph: the four corners.***

Now, I think it's interesting that the official English definition of the word "rules" refers to the body of rules prescribed by the founder of a religious order, because a founder according to the American Heritage Dictionary is *the One who establishes something or formulates the **basis** for something*: And the word **basis** means *A **foundation upon which something rests***. So you can see what brother Branham said about rules ties perfectly into what he's speaking about concerning the foundation piece for the Masterpiece to rest upon.

Greatest news flash in history 61-0424 P:27 *They wasn't going over to argue their religious points. They were going over to say, "I know He's alive. I know Him because He appeared to us, and we seen Him do the same thing He did before He died, before they killed Him up there. And they never stole His body away. And the women is exactly right because He did raise from the dead, because it was Him." Then they looked at one another when they stopped, somewhere to rest a little bit. Said, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" We ought to have knowed that was Him. Why, it went all the way back in the Scripture. "Didn't our hearts burn within us as He spoke to us along the road and opened up the Scripture?" Said, "Fools and slow at heart to understand. Ought not Christ to have suffered and entered into His glory," as the Scripture said. See, they knowed that was Jesus, because He lined straight with the Scriptures no matter what the others said. And sooner the church gets to a place it'll line up with the Scripture teaching instead of trying to take some manmade theology, quicker you'll find the resurrected Christ. That's right, my brother. **God builds on no other foundation than what's already a laid by the apostles.** That's right. Oh, yes they were happy.*

So we see that there is only one foundation and that foundation was laid by the Apostles and that foundation was Christ, and if we preach anything but Christ Jesus then our preaching is in vain. And the apostle Paul said if we preach anything that he had not already preached then we are cursed. So don't tell me that this preacher is great or that one is great, because all they can do is say what has already been said. and if they deviate even one word off from *"thus saith the Lord"* then what they are building has gone off the foundation, and is in danger of having to be torn down a rebuilt.

Let me tell you something, the county building inspectors can make you tear down your building and rebuild it if it deviates from the blueprint. And if your building deviates from it's foundation, he has a right to make you tear it down and start all over again.

And from his sermon, **You must be born again 61-1231M P:41** brother Branham said, *"Brother Lee had a dream. And he'd always debated with me about the water baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He didn't believe it. And he was a contractor. So he said, 'Brother Branham, I just dreamed a dream.' And he said, 'I dreamed I went up to New Albany. And I was building a man's house, and he gave me the blueprint. But when I seen a certain way he cut his windows and fixed a certain place, I said, 'That's not right. It just can't be right. That's contrary. Now, That isn't right.' So I built it the way I thought was right.* And when he come back from Florida, from his vacation, I had his house almost ready." "He looks at the house, and he goes, and gets the blueprint, and looks at that, and said, 'Say, you have built my house wrong.'" "And I said to him, 'No, I haven't built your house wrong.'" "What about this such-and-such a place?" "Well," he said, *"that really don't belong there."* **He said, 'Tear it down. If you expect me to pay you, you'll build it the way the blueprint said.'** "And he said, "What do you think about that, Brother Branham?" I said, "There is a creek running right down below the house here." And we went to it. He said, **"I don't want any tearing down on that day."** I said, "Get it right now. **Put it up according to the Blueprint."**

So brothers, if God's mouthpiece said, that the "he" in **John 14:12** is *"everybody that believes"*, or *"anybody that believes"*, or *"whoever believes"*, or *"every person that believes"*. Then who are we to say the blueprint is not the way we like it so we are going to change what the voice of God told us what the word *"he"* means. Who are we to say it's singular and speaks of only one person when the blueprint, the "Voice of God" to this generation said it is plural and speaks of more than one person. And who are we to argue with a vindicated prophet about anything. Who are we to say, *"that's not what the bible says, the Bible says "he", and he is singular."* When we do that we are placing our own mind and ability to reason above the Voice of God to us, and that is a very dangerous position to be in, because that has left the foundation, and that thinking will have to be torn down before it can be built upon again. When man thinks he knows more than God's own Mouthpiece, there's only one reason. Pride.

From his sermon, **Satan's Eden 65-0829 P:56** *There you are. Man mustn't establish their self. We find it amongst... Let God do something for a person, send him out, you find every man trying to impersonate it. See, they're trying to establish themselves. Every man, "I did this, me, I, mine, my denomination, me this," establish themselves. What are we preaching about, ourselves, or the Kingdom of God? Establish the Word of God. Take out the unbelief and establish the Kingdom of God in a man's heart. And the Kingdom of God cannot be established in a man's heart, 'less God made that man thus. He cannot be established in a... And remember, the deceitful part, that men think that it's right. See? "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man." Every intellectual being seems right.*

We see this same problem today best illustrated in sports. People idolize the winner and loathe the loser. They get behind the ones who have the biggest stats. No one wants to follow the man who doesn't have the biggest bat, or the most home-runs, or the greatest strike out record, and in the spiritual world it's no different. The bigger the congregation the more right we must be. The bigger the missionary program the more we think God is in it. But what about that man that God tells to go to a place that is not big? Does that mean he's all washed up. The history of God dealing with man, is replete with examples of God dealing with one man at a time, and that man has no great following. and if he did have a following, they soon left him, or tried to stone him like they did Moses and Jesus.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Rejected king 60-0515M P:27** *The people does not seem to be satisfied with the way that God placed His church to be governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. They want somebody, some man, some denomination, some certain people to govern the church that they're not able to throw themselves completely into God's hand to be spiritual to be led by the Holy Spirit. They want somebody to do their religion for them, somebody that will tell them just how to do it and all about it. So this man seemed to suit the place exactly, because he was a very intellectual man. And it's a whole lot like today. We like to choose such people too, to control our churches, to control the church of God. Nothing that I have to say against it, but just merely to make a point, that it is not, it was not, and it will never be the will of God for such to be. **God is to rule His people, to govern each individual.***

Jehovah Jireh 61-0209 P:50 *"God will raise up all kinds of things if the church will just get in condition to receive it, but **He will never build His foundation upon something man has laid.**" *For there's no other foundation can be laid than that which is laid, Christ Jesus, the Son of God," and the revelation He'd build His church upon of Christ Jesus. Yes, sir. Make Him the same yesterday, today, and forever."**

To whom shall we go 60-0604 P:30 *Now listen, many times education leads to the demon of education, and that **demon of education leads you to a know it all. And when you get there, then you become an infidel and deny Christ.** So you can't build upon the foundation of education. Neither can we build it upon political powers. You say, "Well, my... I'm so interested; I'm Democrat." "I'm a Republican; I'm..." **Both parties is rotten. There's only one Foundation; build upon Christ! This nation don't need to build upon any other foundation but Jesus Christ.** That's right. No other foundation is laid; no other foundation can get you to heaven. No other foundation is secure, but the Foundation of Jesus Christ.*

From the Message, **It was not so from the beginning 59-0405A P:12** Brother Branham said, *And Jesus found those people, the Jews, perverting the Word of God, making the commandments of God of non-effect. He said, "**You, with your traditions, take the Word of God and pervert It into making It saying something that It does not say.**" And when someone says that the Word of God does not teach Divine healing, they are saying something that the Word does not say. And when they say the Word does not teach the baptism of the Holy Ghost for believers in all ages, they are saying something that the*

Word does not say. **They are substituting something to take Its place.** When we try to say that shaking hands, or membership, or some of those things, which are all right, but it'll never take the place of the Holy Spirit in the church. **That's God's foundation, and there can be no other foundation laid.** We can hear the Author of this Book so solemnly warn, *"Except a man be born of the Spirit, he will in no wise enter into the Kingdom."*

Why do you think Judaism failed? They were building the foundation, and they kicked out the very cornerstone that becomes the head of the corner, which was Jesus Christ. When He came, instead of using the chief cornerstone to build upon, they said, we don't need you, we have Moses, and he said if you believed Moses you would receive me, because I am the one He was pointing to."

Jesus said in **John 5:44** *How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*

Notice they were involved in the very same thing Paul talked about. Men currying favor with other men, and yet claiming to be the elect of God for their day. They could quote Moses alright, but they missed the very one Moses spoke of because they were building upon a foundation that was not the Foundation Moses laid.

Look, there is no other foundation but Christ. And the very one they looked for they missed because he did not come like they thought he should come.

So what foundation are you building on? What are you learning about? What are you studying? What are you spending so much of your waking hours doing?

We spend so much time tending to the 1/3 part of us that is flesh and we starve the 2/3's part of us that is spirit. It just doesn't seem to make sense.

Matthew 7:21 ¶ *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** (I never ginosko you. I never had that personal intimate relationship with you) *depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

*24 Therefore whosoever **hears** these sayings of mine, and **does them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, **which built his house upon a rock:** 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And **every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and **does them not****, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

Making a way 56-0304 P:38 *But, brother, God made a way of escape, and you'll have to come to God's terms, and **that's through Christ Jesus our Lord. No other foundation is laid but that which has already been laid.** No, no one to build upon any other foundations, like stubbles and mud, the floods will wash it away and great will be the fall. But Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." What is it He built it upon? **On the spiritual revealed truth that He is the Son of God.** "Who does man say I, the Son of man am?" Some say, "Elias, and some say Moses, and some say John the Baptist, and so forth." "But Who do you say I am?" Without hesitation, without taking a second... Listen sinner, that's the way you receive it. He'd been with Him, he knew what He was. And then before he could even think a second time, the Holy Spirit got a hold of him, and he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar Jona: for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you. You never learned this from somebody's theology; never come from a seminary with it, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed it to you. Upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The floods may come and the tides may go, and, oh... But **he who's safely in Christ will ride the storm** of the atomic the same as Noah did the storm of the flood, safely in the ark. Let your faith drop down into that once, see what takes place. On God's solid rock,*

Let's bow our heads in prayer