

Solution to Study 0005

Scripture Text: Psalm 11:3

We have established the fact that a good foundation is essential if a person is to be able to survive life's challenges and upheavals. But, there is a very pertinent issue at hand! What if your life was built on a faulty foundation? What do you? These two relevant questions are the focus of this study. May the Holy Spirit pour out wisdom on us as we study, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assignment

- A. By way of revision, fill in the following: A good foundation is based on:
1. **Matthew 16:13-18.** The revelation of who Jesus is: as Saviour, and as Son of God.
 2. **Ephesians 2:20; Acts 2:42a.** The teachings of the apostles and prophets which is based on Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone.
 3. **Luke 6:46-49.** Following the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- B. From the above, it follows that a faulty foundation will have the following characteristics (*this will be the opposite or negative of the above and more*):
1. *No revelation of Jesus as Saviour/Messiah.*
 2. *No revelation of Jesus as the Son of God.*
 3. *No teachings of the apostles/prophets based on Jesus Christ as the cornerstone.*
 4. *Not following the teachings of Jesus Christ.*
 5. **Matthew 15:9** The doctrines of men – culture, tradition, philosophy, science, etc.
- C. Next, we want to note the signs of a faulty foundation. What are they?
1. **John 3:3-10.** *Not born again of the Spirit of God.*
 2. **Romans 8:9.** *Not having the Holy Spirit in you.*
 3. **1 John 3:4-9.** *Living in sin.*
 4. **John 8:42-44.** *Inability to receive spiritual truth.*
 5. **1 Corinthians 12:2.** *Idol (anyone not God) worship – even though one may claim to be born again.*
 6. **1 Corinthians 2:12-14.** *Carnality.*
 7. **Hebrews 5:12.** *Needing to be taught the basics of Christianity when you ought to be teaching others.*
 8. **2 Corinthians 5:16-17.** *Still the same old person, even though he claims to be born again.*

D. So how do we deal with a faulty foundation?

Matthew 15:13; Jeremiah 23:29; 2 Corinthians 10:4-6; Jeremiah 4:3; Romans 12:2.

- *Break it down!*
- *Uproot it out!*
- *Pull down faulty arguments against the knowledge of God*
- *Break up fallow grounds (hearts that have not been filled with the word of God and the Holy Spirit)*
- *Use the word of God to deal with issues rather than human wisdom or science.*

Conclusion

If you *build* your *life* on a *faulty* foundation; it will not withstand life's challenges! Therefore, the first thing to do is *demolish/root out* the *faulty foundation*, and then you can begin to *lay* a *good foundation*; on which you can then *build* your life.

In San Francisco today, work is going on to ensure that if another earthquake like the one of 1906 should occur, the damage will be minimal. So the foundations of old buildings are being revisited with a view to ensuring that they will not fail. As the economies of the developed nations are facing major shakings, will your life be able to cope with the resultant challenges, like job loses, the failure of money, repaying loans at short notices or the forfeiture of assets, etc.? If your answer is "No" or "I'm not sure", then, you probably need to re-examine your foundation to ensure that it is not faulty, and that it can withstand the shakings (*Psalms 46:5*).