

Upon What Is The Church of Christ Built? Part 1

The foundation of the Lord's Church is paramount to understanding to whom it belongs to and who has authority to change that foundation. Physically speaking, a "foundation" is defined as "an establishment; the main purpose of an institution; or the basis for existence." As Christians we must understand and know the basis for existence of Christ's Church. In Matthew 16: 13-18, Jesus questions His disciples as to their assuredness of who He is, and here we obtain a clearer understanding. Jesus asked one question that is significant to understanding and believing all of Christianity. The answering of that question permitted Peter to show his comprehension of what he had been taught and the very actions he had seen. Jesus was not to be confused with any other man no matter what that person had done, but He was to be recognized as 'The Man' in the form of Immanuel, or God with us. (Matthew 1:23) Jesus himself goes on to establish the foundation upon which He will build His Church, that being the simple fact that He is the Son of God. Many unlearned scholars have taken this scripture out of context to contend that Jesus was speaking of a physical location, and we know this not to be true, because of their physical location on the coast of Ceasarea Philippi, and the premise of Jesus' statement. Furthermore, it would be scripturally contradicting to state that a physical place would not be destroyed, when an earthly destruction by fire has already been promised. (2 Peter 3:10)

The foundation of the 'Church of Christ' is solely built upon and centered on its founder, Jesus Christ. Many men have come along throughout time to establish 'their' own church, but understand those men (or women) and their so called beliefs are often imitations of the real thing. Many times people will take a piece of the rock to establish their foundation, but remember it takes a solid foundation to determine the destination of mankind. You are either established in Christ or not. To grasp a quick, biblical understanding of a spiritual foundation, consider 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. With Jesus Christ being the basis for His own church, we must analyze Him and Him alone to know what the church is built on. It does no good to compare man made religious institutions to that which Christ himself died for, established and built.

Read Ephesians 2:19-22. I was once told to always see what the 'therefore' is there for, and when we read the text in its entirety, we gain a more clearer understanding of what Apostle Paul was speaking of. Once we have decided to follow Jesus

Christ and His teachings (the New Testament), we begin to see what we have given up in order to accept Christ. Ultimately, we are no longer under the exclusive control of Satan and his devices; we are now protected by the blood of the Lamb. That sacrificial Lamb has brought us life and life more abundantly. We are created in Christ to do His deeds and walk accordingly. No longer are we following our earthly minds, we are now under the influence of the Spirit of Christ. As a result, we now have hope that did not exist, but now is exclusively linked to Christ. Hope that came as a result of and through Him sacrificing His life as a ransom so that any and everyone who desires to obey Him, can have access to and obtain life everlasting. Now there is only one way to the Father, through His Son, with His Spirit.