

# BUILT ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

The wider, deeper and stronger the foundation determines the size of the building.

A strong foundation keeps the building standing against the forces of nature.

The foundation we build our life upon also needs to be strong and secure to withstand the storms of life that we will encounter and experience.

Our response to adversity, uncertainty and temptation to sin reveal the strength of our foundation.

## WHAT FOUNDATION ARE WE TO BUILD OUR LIFE UPON?

*Mathew 16:13-18 (gw) When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> They answered, “Some say you are John the Baptizer, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! No human revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven revealed it to you. <sup>18</sup> You are Peter, and I can guarantee that on this*

*rock I will build my church. And the gates of hell will not overpower it.*

Christ is both the foundation (*Acts 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 3:11*) and the head (*Ephesians 5:23*) of the church.

Peter, Paul and others played a foundational role in the building of the church *built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20.*

Jesus' words here are best interpreted as a boulder-like truth (revelation) came from the mouth of one who was called a small stone.

Christ is called the "*chief cornerstone*" *1 Peter 2:6-7; Ephesians 2:20.*

The followers of Christ, which Peter is one, are the stones which make up the church, and are built and anchored upon the Cornerstone - Christ.

The foundation of the Church is built on the Rock of Salvation.

Jesus alone is the foundation upon which we are to build our faith.

Jesus is the Cornerstone that underpins our faith.

Jesus alone is the gospel (good news) of God.

*Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us. ” Acts2:4 (ncv)*

The foundation of the Christian Church is Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***1 Corinthians 3:5-11***

Using the metaphor of constructing a building for the work of building the community of believers in Corinth, Paul described himself as a *wise builder* who laid the foundation by preaching the gospel to them.

***1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (niv).*** *By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation (presented the good news about Jesus) as a wise builder, ... <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

The Church will not stand on any other foundation besides Jesus Christ.

The gospel from God about salvation from sin starts and ends with faith in Jesus.

Paul's point is that our faith needs to be grounded in Jesus.



## Our revelation of Jesus and our relationship with Jesus is the foundation to build our life upon.

If Jesus is the foundation of our life, how then do we build the framework and structure of our life upon the Rock of our salvation?

**Jesus tells us exactly how to do that.**

*“Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” **Matthew 7:24-27** (niv)*

The daily application of His Word into our lives builds the framework for our life upon the foundation of our relationship with Jesus.

True Christianity is being convinced of **WHO** Jesus is and so grateful for **WHAT** Jesus has done that we willingly **DO** what Jesus says!

*I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live I live by believing in God’s Son, who loved me and took the punishment for my sins. **Galatians 2:20** (gw)*

**It becomes an issue of control!** Will I relinquish control of my life to Jesus and His ways?

***Romans 8:8** (njb) “Those who live by their natural inclinations can never be pleasing to God.”*

***(CEV)** If we follow our desires, we cannot please God.*

*“If you love me, you will obey my commandments.*

***John 14:15** (gnt)*

*Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. **1 John 2:6** (nlt)*

*Paul ...you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. **1 Corinthians 11:1** (nlt)*

*It was to this that God called you, for Christ Himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in His steps. **1 Peter 2:21** (gnt)*

**Our life is to be a portrait of Jesus in how we live!**

**Remembering that our revelation of Jesus and our relationship with Jesus is the foundation to build our life upon.**

**ACC Statement of Beliefs**

<https://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/about-us/beliefs-and-values/>