

FOUN DATION STONES

7 SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS ON WHICH TO **BUILD** YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

FOUNDATION STONES IS A



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WELCOME TO FOUN DAT ION STONES

In **1 Corinthians 3: 9 - 16** Paul states that believers, both individually and corporately, are God's building. Your life is being built by God as surely as a house is built from the ground up by a builder.

And just as a building requires strong foundations, so does your Christian life. **Foundation Stones** will help you to understand and apply what the Bible teaches about these all-important foundations of faith.

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A FOUNDATION IS VITAL

A building without a foundation is scarcely worth constructing – the slightest pressure will bring it crashing down. Even ‘though you never see the foundation once a building is built, you can be sure that it’s there if the building stands firm and immovable year after year. In many ways, the foundation is the most vital aspect of any building. The taller the intended building, the deeper and stronger the foundations must be. Strong, sturdy, well-laid foundations will allow for the construction of a sturdy, straight building in which many people can work or dwell with safety.

Unfortunately, foundational problems are not always easy to detect. With a building, it sometimes takes years for problems in the foundations to show up. After a few years, you may notice sagging on one side or cracks running up the walls. The source of the problem lies under the ground, at foundation level.

Similarly, if the foundations of your Christian life are weak, crooked, or, worse still, non-existent, you’ll have nothing solid to build on and, in time, your Christian life will display weakness or shakiness – and may even come crashing down. Many of the problems Christian counselors encounter can be traced back to faulty foundational belief systems or, where there is a knowledge of the truth, a failure to apply the truth correctly.

So, if you’re a new Christian you’re being given a great opportunity to lay good, solid foundations from the start. If you’re a more experienced Christian, now’s the time to check and, if necessary, repair or reinforce your foundations so that you can go on building a strong, useful Christian life.

SELECTING THE STONES

The seven Scriptural truths that the **Foundations Stones** course is based upon are found in **Hebrews 6: 1, 2** and **1 Corinthians 3: 9 - 11**.

EXERCISE

1 Corinthians 3: 11 tells us that

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himself is the foundation of the church – and this truth forms the starting point of our Foundation Stones study.

Now carefully observe **Hebrews 6: 1, 2** and write down the six foundational doctrines that the writer to the Hebrews calls the 'elementary' or 'first principles' of Christ.

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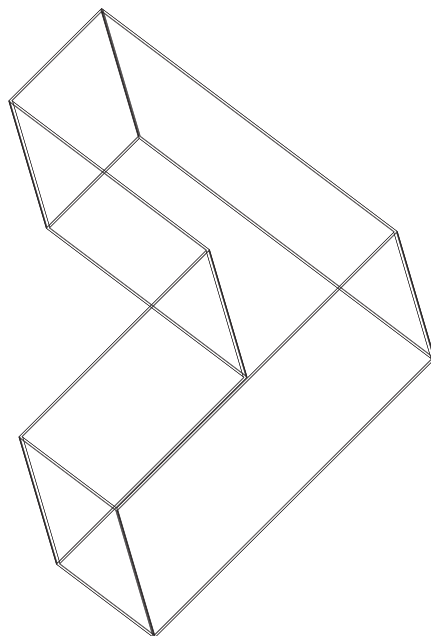
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MODULE 1

THE COR NER STONE

**“BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHIEF CORNERSTONE, ELECT,
PRECIOUS”**

Because you are God’s building, the first and more important foundation stone He lays is one that is very precious to Him, His own Son.



1. SELECTING THE STONE

The very first thing a builder does when starting a building, is measure out the first right angle and then lay a corner. In antiquity the corner was laid with a solid piece of rock called the **cornerstone**. Everything else was built on from the cornerstone. The cornerstone is not only the starting point of the building, it also dictates the size and direction of the rest of the construction.

Jesus is called The Cornerstone. He is not only the first stone that was laid in the spiritual house being built as a dwelling for God but also the one that continues to determine everything else that follows.

