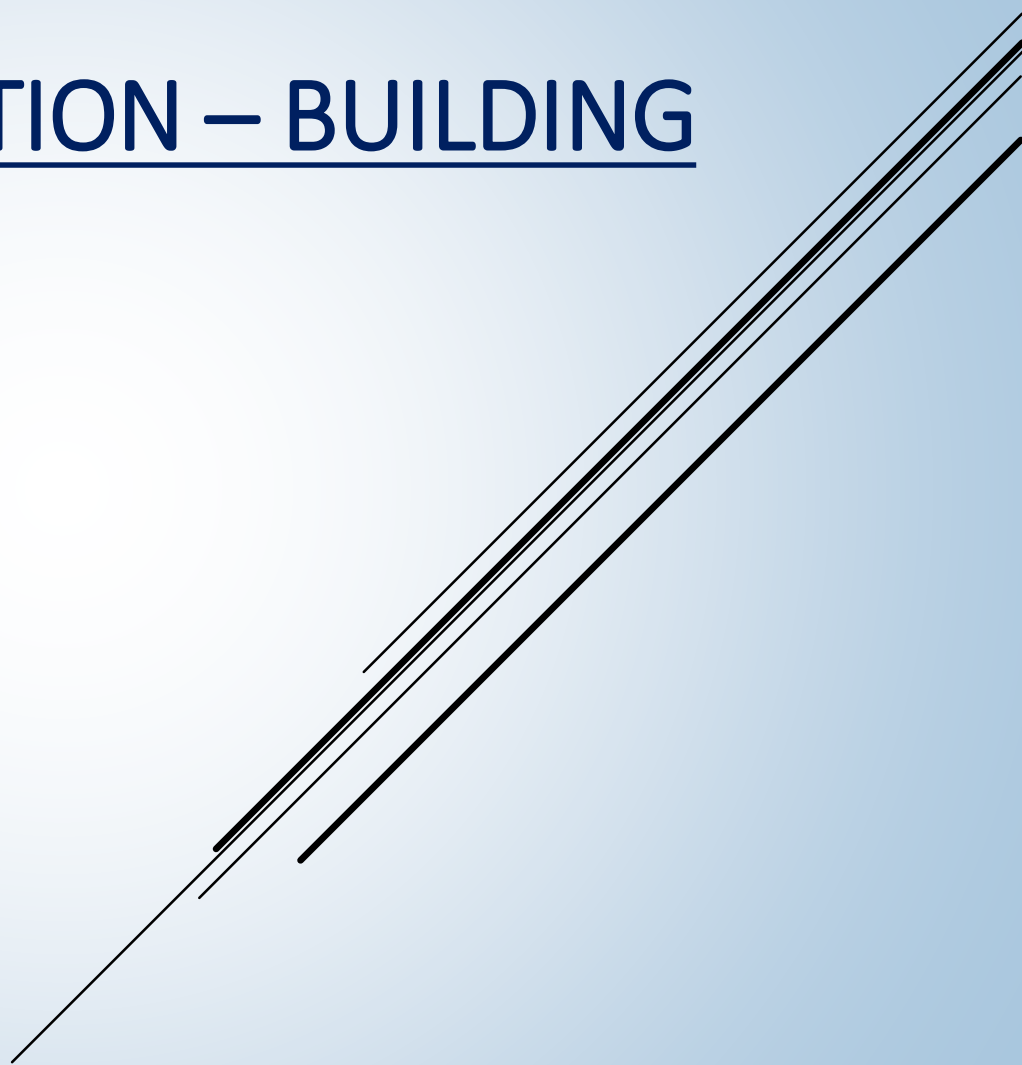


THE SURE FOUNDATION – BUILDING WITH CHRIST





- ▶ **Without a solid *foundation*, the rest of the *house* falls apart!!!!**
- ▶ **No building that ever stood the test of time ever did so on an unsure or shaky foundation.**



- ▶ **Matthew 16:13-18 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

- ▶ **Peter's Confession of Christ**

- ▶ ¹³ Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**” ¹⁴ And they answered, “Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or [just] one of the prophets.”




- ▶ ¹⁵ He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of the living God.”



- ▶ ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered him, “Blessed [happy, spiritually secure, favoured by God] are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood (mortal man) did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**; and the gates of Hades (death) will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ]



► **1 Peter 2:5-6 Amplified Bible (AMP)**


- You [believers], like **living stones**, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy *and* dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable *and* pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For this is contained in Scripture:
- “BEHOLD, I AM LAYING IN ZION A CHOSEN STONE, A PRECIOUS (**honoured**) **CORNERSTONE**,
AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] WILL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED [in his expectations].”
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- ▶ ONE FOUNDATION

- ▶ **1 Corinthians 3:11**

- ▶ for no one can lay a foundation other than the one **which is [already] laid**, which is **Jesus Christ**.




- ▶ **My foundation is Jesus.**
 - ▶ **Not Jesus and my job.**
 - ▶ **Not Jesus and my bestie.**
 - ▶ **Not Jesus and the strength of the Rand against the US Dollar.**
 - ▶ **Not Jesus and the prevailing world view on a specific topic.**
 - ▶ **Not Jesus and the fuel price that is set to go up next month.**
 - ▶ **MY SURE FOUNDATION IS JESUS!!!**
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► **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)**

Therefore encourage one another and **build each other up**, just as in fact you are doing.

► **1 Thessalonians 5:11 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Therefore encourage *and* comfort one another and **build up one another**, just as you are doing.




► 1 Corinthians 14:26 New International Version (NIV)

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so **that the church may be built up**.

► 1 Corinthians 14:26 Amplified Bible (AMP)

What then is *the right course*, believers? When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation (disclosure of special knowledge), a tongue, *or* an interpretation. Let everything be constructive *and* edifying *and* done **for the good of all the church**.



► **Psalm 127: 1 English Standard Version (ESV)**

Unless **the LORD builds** the house,
those who build it labour in vain.



- ▶ **When we work WITH GOD, all our works are CONFIRMED, SUCCESSFUL and ESTABLISHED!**




► **Psalm 90:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

And let the [gracious] favor of the Lord our God be on us;
Confirm for us the work of our hands—
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

► **Psalm 90:17 New International Version (NIV)**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.



► **Proverbs 16:3 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Commit your works to the LORD [submit and trust them to Him],
And your plans will succeed [if you respond to His will and guidance].



► **1 Corinthians 3:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

For we are **God's fellow workers** [His servants working together]; you are **God's cultivated field** [His garden, His vineyard], **God's building**.



► BEING TRANSFORMED

► 2 Corinthians 3:18 New International Version (NIV)

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are **being transformed** into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

► 2 Corinthians 3:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

And we all, with unveiled face, *continually* seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are ***progressively being transformed*** into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.



► **Romans 12:2 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be **transformed and progressively changed** [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].







- ▶ ***Philippians 1:6 ... I am sure (confident and convinced) of this, that he who began a good work in you (me) will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.***



► **Proverbs 3:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Trust in *and* **rely confidently** on the LORD with **all your heart**
And do not rely on your own insight *or* understanding.



► **Jeremiah 17:7-8**

“Blessed [with spiritual security] is the man who believes *and* trusts in *and* relies on the LORD

And whose hope *and* confident expectation is the LORD.

► 8

“For he will be [nourished] like a tree planted by the waters,
That spreads out its roots by the river;

And will not fear the heat when it comes;

But its leaves will be green *and* moist.

And it will not be anxious *and* concerned in a year of drought

Nor stop bearing fruit.

