## SCRIPTURALY BAPTIST

OR



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Colossians 2:8

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### CHAPTER 1

#### THE FOUNDATION FIRST

Il Timothy 2:14-19 "Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Before you read this simple book, it will be necessary for me to write down what <u>is</u> believed first. It is a wise thing to know what an author believes before proceeding to read their work. In fact, if more Baptists would have practiced that doctrinally due diligence in the past, perhaps some of our kind of Baptist churches, Colleges, pastors, evangelists, messengers, and faithful church members, would not

have been as influenced by false "...doctrines..." (I Timothy 4:1)

Before any preconceived conclusions are formed, here are two basic questions for you.

- 1. Do you know the history of when Fundamentalism began?
- 2. Do you know who were called Fundamentalists first?

Because this book is dealing with how the foundation of Fundamentalism is flawed, and because there are so many Baptists which identity themselves as Independent Fundamental Baptists who do not understand the beginnings of what is called Fundamentalism, just the announcing of the subject matter of this book may cause some doctrinally challenged Baptists to assume that this pastor is not a King James Scripture-believing Baptist.

Let me list a few foundational beliefs held by this pastor and the members of the Baptist church which The Lord has called me to oversee.

- We hold to the perfectly preserved Book of God in which its words have been "...given by inspiration of God..." (II Timothy 3:16) and interpreted by The Holy Ghost into the English of The Authorized King James.
- 2. We believe The "...Godhead...," (Colossians 2:9) is The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost.

- 3. We believe we are to be actively seeking to help the next lost sinner to understand from The Scriptures how they can be saved from "...hell..." and "...the lake of fire..." (Revelation 20:13-14)
- 4. We believe "...eternal salvation..." (Hebrews 5:9) is a "...gift..." (Romans 6:23) which must be received by those who know they have sinned, deserve hell, repent, and by faith call upon The Name of Jesus to save them.
- 5. We believe all who are "...by grace..." "...saved through faith..." (Ephesians 2:8-9) are immediately adopted into the family of God. When Gentiles are adopted into that family, it does not constitute a false universal church membership, but it "... pertaineth..." (Romans 9:4) to being adopted into the family of "...Abraham..." (Romans 4:16)
- 6. We believe being baptized in water is a command to be obeyed by all who receive Jesus as Saviour and thereby is the Scriptural means by which a new adopted family member is made one of the "...members in particular..." (I Corinthians 12:27) in one of The Lord's kind of churches.
- 7. We understand that the idea of 'universal church' originated with Catholicism, was continued by Protestantism, has been held to in error by many Baptists, and that it is 100% false.
- 8. We believe, that as far as on this earth, The Lord's kind of congregations of old and churches of today have always met in individual, physical locations.

- 9. We believe that the Scriptural interpretation of the word "...church..." must be defined according only to the words "...given by inspiration of God...," (II Timothy 3:16) as written in the Book of God, which includes The Holy Ghosts use of the word "...church..." in Acts 7:38 which is in context, with Moses and "...the church in the wilderness..."
- 10. We believe that Baptist churches belonging to Jesus are not to be joined together with any kind of hierarchy, fellowship, or movement. Today, God's only divine chain of command and authority structure is: His written "...word...," (Psalm 138:2) Jesus as "...the head of the body, the church...," (Colossians 1:18) "...the faith...," (Jude 3) and one man as the pastor and overseer of an individual local church. (ref. I Timothy 3:1, Acts 20:28)
- 11. We believe those with a regenerated, "... quickened..." "...spirit..." (Ephesians 2:1-2) have the power to live, and should live, a holy and separated life apart from carnality and worldliness.
- 12. We believe being that it is now the time of the "...

  falling away...," (II Thessalonians 2:3) when those professing to believe God's Book turn from truth, and that the next prophetical event will be the sounding of "...the trump of God..." (I Thessalonians 4:16) bringing about second part of the "...first resurrection...," (Revelation 20:5-6) when the bodies of all who have been saved, Jews and Gentiles, since the resurrection of Jesus, will be resurrected out of their graves and taken up to

- meet The Lord "...in the air..." (I Thessalonians 4:17)
- 13. We believe after that, during "...the time of Jacob's trouble...," (Jeremiah 30:7) the third part of "...the first resurrection..." (Revelation 20:5-6) will occur, and those saved "...out of great tribulation...," (Revelation 7:14) Jews and Gentiles, will also be called up.
- 14. We believe seven years from the time we who are saved now are called up, that Jesus Christ will return to set up His Kingdom in Jerusalem to reign on earth for a "...thousand years." (Revelation 20:6)
- 15. We believe in "...the judgment seat of Christ..." (II Corinthians 5:19) for gain or loss of reward for all the saved, and "...the great white throne..." (Revelation 20:11) for the sentencing of eternal damnation of all those, in body and soul, who were not saved.
- 16. We believe there are many saved folks who have been deceived and are innocently involved with false "...doctrines..." (I Timothy 4:1)
- 17. We believe that if we find a fellow believer "... overtaken in a fault...," in doctrine or practice, that even though the offence may disqualify them from certain Scriptural offices, that our first priority is to help "...restore..." (Galatians 6:1) them.
- 18. We believe that we are to "...mark..." and "... avoid..." all those, Baptists or otherwise, who

- cause "...divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine..." (Romans 16:18) "...which was once delivered unto the saints..." (Jude 3)
- 19. We believe that there are many "...wolves..." (Acts 20:29) who have now "...crept in...," (Jude 4) among Baptist churches, who's origin, unknown to some, was back with the first Fundamentalists which began with Protestants around the early 1900's; among whom were C.I. Scofield's Dispensationalists.
- 20. We reject the "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) and terms of theology, and believe all of the parts of The Holy Ghost "...given..." (I Timothy 3:16) "... doctrine..." (John 7:17) of "...the faith..." (Jude 3) are all essentials; that is, if we are to call ourselves Scriptural Baptists who seek to honor the inspired and preserved words of God's Authorship.
- 21. We don't fly a Methodist-Christian flag in our kind of Baptist churches, and we don't think 'the church' replaces Israel.
- 22. We believe that adding even an "s" to The Holy Ghost's word "...dispensation..." is a direct violation of Revelation 22:18-19.
- 23. We believe that the words "...given by inspiration of God..." (I Timothy 3:16) and preserved by Him are the only words in which is the eternal life and breath of God.
- 24. We believe that a synonym of one of God's words does not have in it the life and breath of God.

25. We believe we are now in the time described by The Lord in *Revelation 3:14*, when instead of that local "...church of the Laodiceans..." being in that town; the town was now in that church and even named after that place of the world.

That is a list of just a few of the belief's held by this Baptist preacher. Each of those basics can be identified by "...the words..." of Scripture and verified by the "... doctrine..." of "...the faith..." without the use of traditional theological words and terms. Even though some of those things are held as the beliefs of those who call themselves Independent Fundamental Baptists, the Baptist preacher who is writing this book does not consider himself to be a Fundamentalist. If more Baptists would take the time to find out the flawed history of Fundamentalism, they may have to rethink a few things going forward.

Now back to the premise of this book. Do you know what the foundation of Fundamentalism is?

## CHAPTER 2

#### A FEIGNED FOUNDATION

Luke 6:47-49 "Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."

Through this book the word foundation will be used for both good and bad foundations. But to be Scripturally correct, if a saved, regenerated, "...born again..." (John 3:3) Baptist is building upon anything other than the one "...sure foundation...," (Isaiah 28:16) Jesus likened such a man to be actually "... without a foundation..."

I Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Contrary to ecumenical thought, God does not allow for or have respect for any other foundation except His. When it pertains to a man's belief structure, there has got to be "...the foundation of God..." (II Timothy 2:19) underneath. And even more

important, when we are talking about the "... doctrine..." (John 7:17) and the practice of a Baptist church, it better not be found to be based upon the words of a "...feigned..." (II Peter 2:3) Protestant foundation. This is why all Baptists, and especially all who call themselves a Fundamental-Baptist, had better check to see if they are "...without a foundation..." under them.

What is being witnessed among many Fundamental Baptists was set in motion long ago. Back when Satan proclaimed that he would "...be like the most High..." in Isaiah 14:14, he was laying out his future evil agenda. Consider the words of Isaiah 14:13-14.

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit **also** upon the mount of **the congregation**, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." (Isaiah 14:13-14)

**Question:** What things do you think Lucifer was planning to counterfeit as he said those words?

The devil has sought to counterfeit all things of God. But the sights of his "...wiles..." (Ephesians 6:11) have always been focused on three main things.

- God's Word.
- God's Church.
- The Faith.

The Lord Jesus left those in His kind of churches those physical, tangible things here on this earth; and because they would have to survive the floods of the attacks of the devil and those of this world, it was absolutely imperative that those things were fixed securely upon the "...foundation of God..." (II Timothy 2:19) Everything to do with "...the Godhead...," (Colossians 2:9) the means of winning of the lost, and God's people glorifying Him, is based upon those three things. If there is a flaw, misconception, false preconceived ideas, or lack of the understanding of "...the doctrine..." (John 7:17) of those vital things, mankind is then left with nothing more than one of the many differing and various religions and theologies of this world. Since the beginning, the serpent of Eden has always sought to undermine The LORD's "...foundation..." and anything built upon it.

 Lucifer has produced many versions of socalled bibles which are "...like..." God's Book but are not; they have no foundation of the truth. A "...corruptible seed..." directly affects "...the gospel..." (I Peter 1:22-25) and "... another gospel..." (Galatians 1:6) has no

- power to produce "...eternal salvation..." (Hebrews 5:9)
- Satan has also produced many so-called churches which are not on the "... foundation..." "...which is Jesus Christ...;" (I Corinthians 3:11) but they are the descendants of Catholicism which is "...THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Revelation 17:5) The Lord's churches of today did not come out of Catholicism or her illegitimate Protestant offspring.
- 3. The Lord also has "...once delivered..." what He calls "...the faith..." (Jude 3) and "...one faith..." (Ephesians 4:5) That body of truth, that singular culmination of every part of "... sound doctrine..." (Titus 1:9) was and is perfect. What God identified as "...the faith..." in Jude 3 and 23 other times, was never "... delivered..." to Catholicism, Protestantism, Calvinism, Ecumenicism, Fundamentalism, or any other "ism." Lucifer has many theological 'faiths' which may seem "...like..." "...the faith...," (Jude 3) but those counterfeits forged by the "...seducing spirits and doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1) have never been part of The Lord's "...one faith..." (Ephesians 4:5)

If God's "...book...," God's "...church...", and His "... one faith..." are based on theology instead of being securely settled upon "...the foundation of God...," no matter how closely they resemble or are "...like..." those things, they are nothing more than Lucifer's "... like..." counterfeits.

To implement the "...antichrist..." agenda to bring about the departing from "...the faith..." (I Timothy 4:1) which would initiate the "...falling away...," (II Thessalonians 2:3 when those in The Lord's kind of Baptist churches would forsake the "...sound doctrine..." of "...the faith...," (Jude 3) Satan devised three corresponding covert tactics for his deceitful assault.

For his first volley of deceitful "...fiery darts...," (Ephesians 6:17) "...the serpent..." (II Corinthians 11:3) attacked the words of God. He has used his many versions of bibles, in which the "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) of his "...corruptible seed..." (I Peter 2:23) have "...beguiled..." (II Corinthians 11:3) many a Baptist mind into not trusting that we have been provided with a perfect copy of God's Book in English.

The Holy Ghost warned us to always "...try the spirits whether they are of God..." (I John 4:1) Jesus taught in John 6:63 that His words "...are spirit..." The only way to test "...feigned words...," (II Peter 2:3) is by "...comparing..." (I Corinthians 2:13) them with "... the words..." (Psalm 12:6-7) "...given by inspiration of God..." (II Timothy 3:16) which The LORD promised He would "...preserve..." "...for ever..." (Psalm 12:6-7)

2. At his second front, Satan gathered his illegitimate "...ministers..." (II Corinthians 11:15) which he would bring into The Lord's kind of Baptist churches from the outside.

The Holy Ghost identifies such men "...grievous wolves..." The real identity of these deceivers would be concealed so that they looked "...like..." sheep.

Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

**3.** The third aspect of Satan's assault, has been focused on getting churches which are named Baptist, to be "...like..." The Lord's kind of Baptist churches; but, they are founded upon a fundamentally flawed foundation!

According to *I Corinthians 14:32-33*, if the extrascriptural words of early 1,900's Protestant-Fundamentalism had been tested by more Baptist preachers back then, they would have discovered that those words were not equal to "...the spirits of the prophets..." Back when Protestant-Fundamentalism was being introduced by the "...seducing spirits and doctrines of devils...," (I Timothy 4:1) if more Baptists had been diligent to see that those "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) were not "...subject to the prophets..." whom The Holy Ghost used to write before that time, there would have been far less Baptists now calling themselves Fundamental-Baptists!

If.... Scriptural Baptist churches of today, were founded only upon the English words "...Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." first gave and preserved, then there would not be so many confused Baptists!

"For God is **not** the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

This is the part of the devils' warfare which has proven in these last days to be the hardest to detect. He would finally get Fundamentalist-Baptist men to do his work for him. No longer would Satan have to rely on his "...wolves..." "...in sheep's clothing..." (Matthew 7:15) getting into a Baptist church from the outside; but he would have "...certain men crept in unawares..." (Jude 1:3-4) who would become traitors to "...the faith..." from the inside! Both the invasion and this insurrection was foretold in Acts 20:28-30 and in II Timothy 4:3-4.

Acts 20:28-30 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

Il Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Now we need to back up a bit. What we are witnessing among Fundamental-Baptist churches of right now had a beginning point. It began with what is called 'The Fundamentalist Papers.'

In the history of what are called 'The Fundamentals,' it was Protestants who were first called Fundamentalists. They were of those who first decided on what they determined to be the only 5-7 essential "...doctrines...;" which they named the fundamentals. And even back then, some Baptists, especially those already aligned with Calvinism, bought into that Protestant-Presbyterian based teaching. That is why Methodist and Presbyterian Protestants such as Bob Jones and Billy Sunday, were/are also called "Fundamentalists" by Fundamental Baptist preachers.

If you call yourself a Fundamentalist, you need to take the time to do your own search on 'The Fundamentals: A Testimony To The Truth' (also referred to as The Fundamentals or Fundamentalist Papers) Those writings were a set of ninety essays published between 1910 and 1915 by the Testimony Publishing Company of Chicago. It is very relevant to this subject on fundamental foundational flaws, that those things have become some of the foundational aspects of Baptists who are now calling themselves Fundamentalists.

Those Fundamentalist Papers were not initiated by Baptists. It was an attempt by Presbyterian-Calvinist-Protestants to try to bring their man-conceived so-called churches together. And interestingly enough, those 'Fundamentals' were being written right around the same time of Mr. C.I. Scofield's Dispensationalist note bible! Dispensationalist-Fundamentalist-Baptists of today who continue to call themselves 'Fundamentalists'

may want to check the history of their supposed foundation!

It ought to be alarming to hear Baptist preachers saying, "I am a Big-B Baptist," while at the same time proclaiming to be Fundamentalists who began with Protestants. Many of these have also adopted and are promoting the "...doctrines..." (I Timothy 4:1) of Protestant based Dispensationalism. It is no coincidence that the "...rudiments..." (Colossians 2:8) of the flawed foundations of Fundamentalism and Dispensationalism were both laid at the same time in history.

Thank The Lord that many a Baptist is starting to wise up as to the origin their supposed foundation. But, there are still those Independent Fundamental Baptist men, who are obstinately digging in deeper into a fundamentally flawed foundation of nothing more than sand! Some of these are defending their "...feigned..." (II Peter 2:3) foundation of Fundamentalism without knowing what it is or who laid it. The Holy Ghost spoke of such men.

Il Peter 2:12 "But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, **speak evil of the things that they understand not**; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption..."

Jude 1:10 "But these **speak evil of those things which they know not**: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, **in those things they corrupt themselves**."

Just in case you are one of those who still thinks that Dispensationalism is on the same "... foundation..." of "...the faith which was once

delivered to the saints..." (Jude 3) Let me ask you a question. If you discovered that what you have been taught was a firm foundation, but it actually began with a Protestant, would that bother you? It should, that is if you believe that Jesus is the only "...sure foundation..." for all things pertaining to God. If you found your professed foundation, to be founded upon such deceitful, theological treachery, would remain on it or in support of it? Would you not warn your friends in the ministry?

# Here is a very short history for you to consider and to investigate on your own.

There was Protestant man named C.I. Scoffeld. One of his mentor's and his doctrinal muse, was an Anglican man named John Darby. The "...doctrines..." (Colossians 2:20-22, Hebrews 13:9) of what was once known as Darbyism were accepted by Mr. Scofield. He then incorporated those things as marginal notes alongside the text of a bible named after himself. His extra-scriptural notes, and subsequent changes to the "...doctrine..." (John 7:16) owned by The Father, "... crept..." (Jude 3) their way into the minds, theological seminaries of Protestants, but also into the classrooms of Fundamental Baptist Colleges for many years now. The "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) of those "... doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1) were not diligently tested and tried (Ref. I John 4:1) by the inspired words in The Book of God. Because of that doctrinal dereliction of duty, many of those "... seducing spirits..." (I Timothy 4:1) are now the words written in the statements of faith of Independent,

Fundamental Baptist Churches, and taught in the classrooms of several Baptist Colleges.

If you want a much more concise history of this, you can read of it in a book written and published by me and two other Baptist preachers. It is titled "Crept In Unawares' published by Hilltop Publications.

I believe the reason that the Independent Fundamental Baptist movement is now so doctrinally fractured, is because it has been sitting only on the "... sand..." of the "...philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

By the way, did you know that within the word "...rudiments..." is the word 'fundamentals'????

If you are a saved, regenerated, born again Baptist, claiming to be on the flawed foundation of Fundamentalism, it will be a wise move for you to get off of it. More of us have got to stand on the one and only "...sure foundation..." Baptist pastors and evangelists who claim to believe in only the words in The Book of God have also got to stop being silent and speak out against Baptist-Fundamentalism regardless of who their friends are.

Let's face the facts here. As far as the time of this earth, the history of Baptist-Fundamentalism is nowhere near deep enough, and, it was started by people in the wrong bloodline of so-called churches.

If you are presently on or associated with a Fundamentalist foundation, no matter what has been or will be built while on it; those things will eventually fall, and the Scriptural reality is, Jesus said that you are "...like a man without a foundation..." (Luke 6:49)

Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for **a foundation a stone**, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, **a sure foundation**: he that believeth shall not make haste."

Contrary to what any leader of a Fundamentalist-Dispensationalist-Baptist movement may teach, preach and say about this, this Baptist preacher, and some others, are standing on the "... foundation on a rock..." Our "...foundation..." reaches further than the sand of earth.

- That means our "...foundation..." of The Book of God rests on only the eternal words of Jesus.
- That means our "...foundation..." for "...the church of God...," (Acts 20:28) as far as in the time of this earth, according to the words given by The Holy Ghost, was laid back with Moses "...in the church in the wilderness..." (Acts 7:37-38) with "...that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." (I Corinthians 10:4)
- That means, as pertaining to being an English-speaking Baptist, our "...foundation..." for the "...doctrine..." of "...the faith..." rests only on the inspired words as interpreted by The Holy Ghost and perfectly preserved in the English our Authorized King James copy of The Book of God.

Standing upon that "...foundation on a rock...," (Luke 6:48) it can be said with absolute Scriptural authority, that according to the "...words..." in God's

Book; Independent-Baptist-Fundamentalism, or as it is now being called, the IFB movement, has **NO** Scriptural foundation on which to stand! We need more Baptists who are truly <u>dependent</u> as in obeying of the words of The Scriptures, rather than being independent within their own extra-scriptural, manproclaimed movements. If such as those persist, they are in essence independent from "...the foundation of God..." Their fundamentals are based upon "...the rudiments..." of the religions "...of the world, and not after Christ..," (Colossians 2:8)

Baptists who believe the words in God's Book, need to shed all those extra-scriptural "...isms..." and get back to being just Scripturally based Baptists. Baptists who believe that every English word, and that every part of "...the faith...," as written in the text of the Authorized King James Scriptures, have been perfectly preserved, and are the Holy Ghost's inspired "...interpretation...." (II Peter 1:20) of God's One and Only Original "...settled..." (Psalm 119:89) Book, which has always been in Heaven.

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I am thankful for those who have avoided hell by the efforts of those who may not have been on God's one and only doctrinal "...foundation..." Many men and movements, Protestant and Baptist, if... they preached a pure gospel, have helped lost souls to avoid hell. But that is no excuse for not standing against the false "...doctrines..." held by such men! The soulwinning of Fundamental Baptists does not dismiss their responsibility to "...sound doctrine..." (Titus 2:1)

The real danger of being on a fundamentally flawed foundation has been, that it has opened the door to false many "...doctrines..." which include perverse teachings about salvation itself. Other 'gospels' which have no power to produce regeneration have been introduced. That is why some Baptists think Calvinism is acceptable. Not being on a very old and Scripturally "...sure foundation..." (Isaiah 28:16) is why Baptist pastors sent future Baptist preachers to be trained by Methodists, at a Methodist college, where the Authorized King James was not their 'version' of choice. Baptist preacher-boys have often chosen a Baptist college based on the personality of the preacher before checking what that man actually believed about "...the faith..." The now emergent-worldly-Laodicean-baptists, which are on a foundation of earth's sand, keeps those on it attached to this world instead of being separated unto The Holy God of Heaven.

As has already been proven several times over, as many Independent-Fundamental-Baptist churches and preachers have fallen, no matter what good has

been built upon the non-foundation of Fundamentalism is not going to stand.

Here is a question for you to consider. What about "...the judgement seat of Christ..."??? (II Corinthians 5:10) Will staying on this non-foundation of Protestant-based Fundamentalism, ultimately be found to be one of the main causes of the "...falling away..." among Baptists at "...the judgement seat of Christ..."?

Please know that this preacher understands that there will be many Baptists, who have been on God's one "...foundation...," (including this preacher) who will suffer loss because of some of their works which were not founded on Scripture will also burn!

I Corinthians 3:10-13 "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

But here is the question which had better be considered; if some loss will be suffered by a Baptist who worked for The Lord while on "...this foundation...," what about those Fundamentalist-Baptists who were never on "...this foundation..."??? If theirs was nothing more than a fundamentally "... feigned..." non-existing foundation, what then?

## CHAPTER 3

#### THE ONLY FOUNDATION.

I Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Do not miss the test in this chapter. It will reveal where you stand. The statements before that test will be very hard to get through if you are on a flawed fundamental foundation.

Many Baptists, both of the past and present, who have identified themselves as Independent Fundamental Baptists, would agree in word that Jesus Christ is the only "...foundation..." But if they are all on the same and one-and-only "...foundation..." when it comes to some simple basics in God's Book, then there ought to be much more evidence of agreement among "...the brethren..." (I Timothy 4:6) when it pertains to "...sound doctrine..." (Titus 2:1)

Many, but not all Fundamental-Baptists, will say they believe that the Authorized King James is God's inspired and preserved Word in English, yet, they seem to have no conscience when it comes to saying it is no more than only the best of the other so-called bible translations. Some Fundamental-Baptists would not think of changing even one word of the text of their bible; but, they have no issue when it comes to using theological words and terms for "... doctrines..." (Matthew 15:9) which are not found in the Holy Ghost's vocabulary for His "...once..." "... delivered..." "...faith..." (Jude 3) And additionally, when some Fundamental-Baptists speak and write of

things such as "...inspiration...," (Job 32:8, II Timothy 3:16) they apply that word to the men as being inspired, instead of the words of God being the inspired "...things..." (Revelation 22:18-19) There are some Fundamental-Baptists who argue and debate over the beginning of their idea of the church, while they excuse The Holy Ghost's use of the words "...the church in the wilderness..." as He had it to be written in Acts 7:38.... as if there was not really a "...church in the wilderness..."! There have been Fundamental-Baptists, who write off The Holy Ghost's inspired placement of "...the church in the wilderness..." as not being sound scriptural interpretation. There are some Fundamental-Baptists who side with Protestant-Dispensationalist-Fundamentalism when it comes to the words "...congregation..." (Psalm 74:2) and "...the church..." instead of agreeing with the English "... interpretation..." (II Peter 1:20) of The Holy Ghost in the context of Psalm 22:22 and Hebrews 2:12 as being the same. And, there are Fundamental-Baptists who cannot reconcile their Dispensationalist dispensations with how The Scripture says "...thy congregation..." (Psalm 74:2) and "...the church of God..." (Acts 20:28) in God's eternal mind, were "...purchased...," (Acts 20:28) "...of old..." (Psalm 74:2) long before the actual sacrifice of the cross.

There are well-intended Baptists, Fundamentalists and otherwise, who interchangeably use the words translation and "...interpretation..." as if it they were both used by God in the context of delivering His words from His only Original Book in heaven, to be recorded by men on earth. A translation of any word can be a synonym; but The Holy Ghost's "...interpretation..." (II Peter 1:20) of a word preserves

its divine integrity! They also use the words "... doctrine..." (John 7:16) and "...doctrines...," (I Timothy 4:1) interchangeably as if they are the same, and, "... the faith..." (Jude 3) for which they say they are contending, to them, seems to have begun in the USA with a man. Fundamentalism may use those words, but their definition of those "...things..." (Revelation 22:18) does not always agree with how they are used by The Holy Ghost in Scripture.

Many who call themselves Independent-Fundamental-Baptists promote things such as their Alma Mater and have no clue that they what they are saying is Holy Mother in Latin. There are Fundamental-Baptists who claim to be "local church," yet they speak of the church as if all who are saved automatically enter an invisible 'universal' church at salvation *before* being baptized in water. Such Baptists don't know that they are parroting Protestantism's adoption of the word Catholic which means universal in Latin! There are several Fundamental-Baptists, in Baptist churches and colleges, where a Protestant Flag is flying in the auditorium every time they preach; and they have no idea that what is called The Christian Flag, is a Methodist-Fundamentalist flag.

Those are just a few of the things which reveal that the depth of Fundamentalisms' doctrinally flawed foundation does not go back far enough nor is it a foundation at all! Such things ought not to be tolerated or condoned. But moreover, the worst thing about many Fundamental-Baptists, is that they do not seek to correct the men to whom they are loyal, even if they are involved in such tainted and false beliefs, and in some cases, even when perverse practices are discovered; and they continue to support the men and

the movements with which they associate, even if there are gross inconsistencies with "...sound doctrine..." (Titus 1:9) among them.

A "...born again..." (John 3:3, I Peter 1:23) Baptist preacher who truly believes Jesus Christ is the only "...foundation..." of all things pertaining to God, ought to be able to go to the exact words "...given by inspiration of God...," and do so in English, and without the use of any of the words and terms of the fundamentals of Protestant-Dispensationalism.

A Baptist who professes to know how God gave and preserved His words, ought to be able to show the simple written Scriptural starting point of everything he says he believes. If a man is on the right Scriptural and doctrinal "...foundation...," that kind of "... certainty..." (Proverbs 22:21) ought to be readily evident.

Let's do a little test. Let's give all Baptist preachers the benefit of the doubt when it comes to their saying that Jesus Christ is the only "... foundation..." for everything to do with God; but let's see if that graceful assumption holds true. I will present a series of 12 questions. Then, I will give a common theological answer, and then, an answer based on Scripture. There are many more questions which I would like to ask, but these get to the basis of the cause of many fundamental flaws. If the truth of these basic things are not securely part of the "... foundation of God...," (II Timothy 2:19) what has been or will be built will fall!

How would you answer these questions?

- Were the "...holy men..." who The Holy Ghost "...
  moved..." (II Peter 1:21) to write Scripture
  inspired, or, are words of the "...Scripture..." (II
  Timothy 3:16) they were used to write the inspired
  "...things..."? (Revelation 22:18)
- In relation to the Holy Ghost's words "...thy congregation..." (Psalm 74:2) and "...the church...," (Acts 20:28) when does Scripture place the time of their being "...purchased..."? (Acts 20:28)
- 3. According to the words given by The Holy Ghost, where was the first "...church..." on earth in Scripture? (Acts 7:38)
- 4. Why is it that the words translate, translated, translation, and translations are never used by The Holy Ghost in speaking about transferring words from Heaven to earth or from one language to another? (II Peter 1:20, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 11:5)
- 5. Why is the word "...doctrine..." in the singular? (John 7:16)
- 6. Why is the word "...doctrines..." in the plural? (Matthew 15:9)
- 7. What changes about "...doctrine..." when an "s" is added to the word as a preacher speaks about "... the faith..."? (I Timothy 4:1)
- 8. Has God ever authorized adding extra-scriptural theological words to "...<u>the</u> faith which was <u>once</u> delivered..."?
- What does Jesus promise to those who "...add..." anything, including one letter which changes the tense or meaning of the way The Holy Ghost had a

- word to be written and preserved? (Revelation 22:18-19)
- 10. What is the connection between man's word loyalty and God's words "...respect of persons..."? (Colossians 3:25, James 2:1)
- 11. Does the "...foundation..." of the churches of today pertain only to Gentile churches?
- 12. Has Jesus authorized any man to start any new "movement," or, were we supposed to continue to build upon exactly what He started; and teach and preach for those who are not on or have forsaken that "...foundation..." to repent?

Now let's go through that list of questions again but allow me to answer them the way that a Fundamental Baptist whose doctrinal foundation is based on traditional theology.

- Were the "...holy men..." who The Holy Ghost "...
  moved..." (II Peter 1:21) to write Scripture
  inspired, or, are words of the "...Scripture..." (II
  Timothy 3:16) they were used to write the inspired
  "...things..."? (Revelation 22:18)
   Possible Common Theological Answer: The men
  - **Possible Common Theological Answer:** The menwere inspired to write the original writings.
- 2. In relation to the Holy Ghost's words "...thy congregation..." (Psalm 74:2) and "...the church...," (Acts 20:28) when does Scripture place the time of their being "...purchased..."? (Acts 20:28)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** The congregation is an old testament term which has

nothing to do with the new testament church which was purchased when Jesus died.

3. According to the words given by The Holy Ghost, where was the first "...church..." on earth in Scripture? (Acts 7:38)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** Somewhere in Matthew or on the Day of Pentecost.

4. Why is it that the words translate, translated, translation, and translations are never used by The Holy Ghost in speaking about transferring words from Heaven to earth or from one language to another?

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** Those words are commonly used, to explain how we got The King James Bible which is the most accurate translation of all.

5. Why is the word "...doctrine..." in the singular? (John 7:16)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** It is speaking about one of the doctrines.

6. Why is the word "...doctrines..." in the plural? (Matthew 15:9)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** To identify historically Baptists distinctives.

7. What changes about "...doctrine..." when an "s" is added to the word as a preacher speaks about "... the faith..."? (I Timothy 4:1)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** It makes you think of more than one of the doctrines.

8. Has God ever authorized adding extra-scriptural theological words to "...the faith which was once delivered..."?

Possible Common Theological Answer: No, but we teach those traditional theological terms in our colleges, because they are part of our curriculum which needs to be understood for receiving a theological degree.

9. What does Jesus promise to those who "...add..." anything, including one letter which changes the tense or meaning of the way The Holy Ghost had a word to be written and preserved? (Revelation 22:18-19)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** As long as the main thought is not changed, other words can be used.

10. Does the "...foundation..." of the churches of today pertain only to Gentile churches?

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** Yes, because according to Scofield's Dispensationalism, this is the 'time' when God is dealing only with Gentiles.

11. What is the connection between man's word loyalty and God's words "...respect of persons..."? (Colossians 3:25, James 2:1)

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** Loyalty is the respect we are to give to our friends no matter what happens.

12. Has Jesus authorized any man to start any new "movement," or, were we supposed to continue to build upon exactly what He started; and teach and preach for those who are not on or have forsaken that "...foundation..." to repent?

**Possible Common Theological Answer:** Although all the doctrines they taught were not always the same, many great men of God, heroes of the faith, have been used to start all kinds of ministries. We must avoid causing divisions.

Now consider the next answers to the same questions carefully.

Were the "...holy men..." who The Holy Ghost "...
moved..." (II Peter 1:21) to write Scripture
inspired, or, are words of the "...Scripture..." (II
Timothy 3:16) they were used to write the inspired
"...things..."? (Revelation 22:18)

Scripture Based Answer: Only the "...scripture is given by inspiration of God...;" the men were only used by The Holy Ghost to record and preserve the exact "...interpretation..." of the only set of

Original words which have always been "...settled in heaven..." The men were not inspired; "... inspiration..." belongs only to God. The words are inspired not the men.

2. In relation to the Holy Ghost's words "...thy congregation..." (Psalm 74:2) and "...the church...," (Acts 20:28) when does Scripture place the time of their being "...purchased..."? (Acts 20:28)

Scripture Based Answer: Because God states that "...the Lamb..." was "...slain from the foundation of the world...," (Revelation 13:8) and that there is only "...one sacrifice..." (Hebrews 10:12) and "... one offering...," (Hebrews 10:14) that could have made such a purchase; that means that in the mind, heart, and in written word, the Lords' "... congregation..." (Psalm 74:2) and His "...church..." were "...purchased..." (Acts 20:28) long before the one "...dispensation of the fulness of times..." (Ephesians 1:10) came to be witnessed.

3. According to the words given by The Holy Ghost, where was the first "...church..." on earth in Scripture? (Acts 7:38)

Scripture Based Answer: Back with Moses "...in the church in the wilderness..." (Acts 7:38)

 Why is it that the words translate, translated, translation, and translations are never used by The Holy Ghost in speaking about transferring words from Heaven to earth or from one language to another?

Scripture Based Answer: When writing about words from Heaven being delivered to earth, or from one language into another, The Holy Ghost used only the words "...interpret...," "... interpreted...," "...interpretation..." and interpretations..." in the context of words or languages. A translation of a word, in any language, can be a synonym, but a synonym may be "...like..." (Isaiah 14:14) a word "...given by inspiration of God...," (II Timothy 3:16) but it does not "...preserve..." the inspired "...interpreted..." perfection of one of The Holy Ghost's "...pure..." (Psalm 12:6-7) vocabulary words.

5. Why is the word "...doctrine..." in the singular? (John 7:16)

Scripture Based Answer: Because as with all things pertaining to God, He is One yet three, His Word is singular yet made up of many perfectly inspired and preserved words; and, the many parts of "... the doctrine..." (John 7:17, Romans 16:17, I Timothy 4:16) of His "...one faith..." (Ephesians 4:5) have always been "...the same...." (John 12:48)

6. Why is the word "...doctrines..." in the plural? (Matthew 15:9)

Scripture Based Answer: Because in Scripture, "... doctrines..." is used 5 times in the plural, and always to identify "...strange doctrines...," (Hebrews 13:9) false "...doctrines of men...,"

(Matthew 15:9) or "...doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1)

7. What changes about "...doctrine..." when an "s" is added to the word as a preacher speaks about "... the faith..."? (I Timothy 4:1)

**Scripture Based Answer:** In that context, it ceases to be Scripturally perfect as given by The Holy Ghost; and it causes the mind to think differently than what God intended for that singular word to produce. (Isaiah 55:7-11)

8. Has God ever changed or added extra-scriptural theological words to "...the faith which was once delivered..."?

Scripture Based Answer: No, "...God is not the author of confusion..." God's "...immutability..." (Hebrews 6:17) can never cease. God cannot even think of violating His warning in Revelation 22:18-19.

9. What does Jesus promise to those who "...add..." anything, including one letter which changes the tense or meaning of the way The Holy Ghost had a word to be written and preserved? (Revelation 22:18-19)

**Scripture Based Answer:** A terrible curse, which may be a bit obscure, but is definitely to be absolutely avoided at all costs!

- 1. "...God shall add unto him the plagues that are written..." (Revelation 22:18) in the book of Revelation.
- 2. "...God shall take away his part out of the book of life..."
- 3. "...and out of the holy city..." (Revelation 22:19)

For the lost, as "...Jehoiakim..." (Jeremiah 36:36:28) found out from the genealogy of Matthew 1:11; such a person will have his name was removed! As for a saved person who tampers with the words in God's book, it is impossible for them to lose "...eternal salvation...," (Hebrews 5:9) but they can be banned from the "...new Jerusalem..."! (Revelation 21:2)

10. Does the "...foundation..." of the churches of today pertain only to Gentile churches?

Scripture Based Answer: No. Many Baptist seem to have forgotten that "...the church which was in Jerusalem..." was a Jewish church. And, In Ephesians 2:19, The Holy Ghost is speaking through Paul to Gentile believers. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone..." Ephesians 2:19 It was the Jews who were on the "... foundation..." first.

11. What is the connection between man's word loyalty and God's words "...respect of persons..."? (Colossians 3:25, James 2:1)

Scripture Based Answer: Loyalty to a friend in the ministry who is in some fault, open sin, or doctrinal error, and not correcting them, is the number-one thing which directly violates the command not to have "...respect of persons..." no matter what happens. That kind of friendship does no good to anyone except enemies of The Lord and the devil.

12. Has Jesus authorized any man to start any new "movement," or, were we supposed to continue to build upon exactly what He started; and teach and preach for those who are not on or have forsaken that "...foundation..." to repent?

Scripture Based Answer: No. If Baptists had held only to the words and taught "...no other doctrine...," (I Timothy 1:3) and had continued to "...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered...," (Jude 3) we would not have so many faulty foundations, and sub-scriptural ministries with a Baptist name!

When a saved Baptist studies using only the English words as they have been "...given..." (II Timothy 3:16) and preserved (ref. Psalm 12:6-7) by God, they will not be influenced by the "...feigned words...," (II Peter 2:3 "...doctrines of men..." (Colossians 2:22) and "...doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1) A theology laced with such things will not reveal if a man is on a flawed foundation; in fact, they will keep a man on it. The man-made foundations of theology may approve a man for earning a degree, but will not help a man to be "...approved unto God..." (II Timothy 2:15) That is like having the King James Book

of God approved by the government before we can read it! We must seek to be "...approved..." by the inspired words in The Book of God.

II Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself **approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

If Baptist men have been taught from the doctrinally flawed foundation of theology, that means for years, many Baptists have been taught under some influence of the "...feigned words...," (II Peter 2:3 "... doctrines of men..." (Colossians 2:22) and "...doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1) A great part of this has been due to things such as the influence of Dispensationalist notes in the margins of a Scofield bible. Dispensationalism has infiltrated many Fundamental Baptist bible colleges. Those things derived from "...another spirit..." (II Corinthians 11:4) have tainted more Baptist minds then some want to admit. Those "...feigned..." theological words, added in and taught alongside the words of God, have caused many of the inspired words in The Book of God to be in essence "...void..." (Psalm 119:126) and "...of none effect..." (Mark 7:13) in the minds of those who have received those words. The "...doctrines of men..." (Colossians 2:22) and words from "...seducing spirits and doctrines of devils...," no matter how much they may be "...like..." a word of God's authorship, bring no spiritual, Scriptural based thoughts! Such words are no more than things of earth or below.

Colossians 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the **rudiments** of the world, and not after Christ."

As has already been stated, a synonym of the word "...rudiments..." is "fundamentals.' Just a thought to keep in mind! If more Baptists would have studied from only God's words; theology's words should have been exposed and shunned, but that has not been the case. Since the early 1,900's, those Protestant "...profane and vain babblings..." (Il Timothy 2:16) have in effect eaten away at the foundational beliefs upon which Scriptural Baptists have stood.

We cannot do anything about the doctrinal damage of the past except expose and warn against it; but we can check the kind of "...foundation..." we now claim to be standing on; and get off of a faulty foundation. Any man who discovers he has been standing on and for a faulty foundation, and will put God's words first, can get busy building on "...the foundation of God..."

Il Timothy 2:16-19 "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And **their word** will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow **the faith** of some. 19 Nevertheless **the foundation of God standeth sure**, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

I Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

What "...foundation..." is underneath what you say you believe? Is it built upon the sand of theological words of <u>rudimentary</u> Fundamentalism, or is it "... grounded and settled..." (Colossians 1:23) upon the "...pure words..." (Psalm 12:6-7) of Scripture as "... given by inspiration..." (II Timothy 3:16) and the preservation of God?

# CHAPTER 4

### THE FOUNDATION OF THE FAITH

Ephesians 4:5 "One Lord, one faith, one baptism..."

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus **the author and finisher of** <u>our</u> **faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Jude 3-4 "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Before we get into the main subject of this chapter, the definition of the word "...faith..." in the context of those Scriptures must first be understood. When an honest believer in the words of The Scripture speaks of The Holy Ghost's words "...the faith..." (Jude 3) and the "...one faith...," (Ephesians 4:5) that "... faith..." is the "...foundation..." for the "...doctrine..." we hold, teach and preach. Of the 247 times the word

"...faith..." is written in God's Book, 223 of those times, God is writing about the kind of "...faith..." which identifies trust, confidence, reliance, and belief. But the other 24 times the word "...faith..." is written, it is used to identify what God calls "...the faith which was once delivered..." That use of the word "...faith..." has to do with "...doctrine..." (John 7:17) and how it is to be practiced.

The words of Jude 3-4 start out mentioning "... the common salvation..." What is often referred to as saving "...faith..." can be understood from those words. But God was not then writing about contending for "...the common salvation...," He was directing our thoughts to "...earnestly contend ..." for a different kind or use of the word "...faith..." That context of the word "...faith..." and the 23 other times it is written, has to do with every part of "... doctrine..." That "...faith..." is very exclusive. It is the "...one faith...," of Ephesians 4:5, and because The Holy Ghost writes of it as "...one faith...," there can be "...no other doctrine..." (I Timothy 1:3) which makes up "...the faith..."

Please look carefully at the words which The Holy Ghost had men to record in front of the word "... faith..." When The Holy Ghost "...moved..." those Jewish men to write the words "...one faith...," "... our faith...," and "...the faith...;" what "...faith..." was in "...the mind of Christ..." (I Corinthians 2:16)??? I assure you that it is not a faith contrived of some man's "...private interpretation..." (II Peter 1:20)

based on theology. The word theology is not one of The Holy Ghost's vocabulary words!

When any man allows the simple words "...<u>one</u> faith...," "...<u>our</u> faith...," and "...<u>the</u> faith...," to produce in their mind what has been intended by God, the faulty foundations of theology crumble into dust.

- 1. If God wrote what He meant for us to think, then "... one faith..." cannot be faith 1.1.
- 2. If "...Jesus the author..." wrote the words "...
  our faith...," then "...the faith..." any man
  claims to hold has to be the same as His.
- If The Holy Ghost "...moved..." men to write the inspired definite article "...the..."\_in front of the word\_"...faith...," then there is no other "... interpretation..." of "...the..." "...one faith..."

Propagators of Protestant theology, along with quite a few Fundamental Baptists who differ in their "...doctrines...," seem not to have not yet figured those three things out! Theology is not built on the right "...foundation..." In fact, to be Scripturally correct, according to The Lord's parable in Luke 6:49, if they are not hearing the words of Jesus for their doctrine, they are "...without a foundation..."!

Anything built "...without a foundation..." is not going to stand. Baptist churches which have been built on things such as systematic and dispensational theology are ultimately going to fall. Preachers without the one and only "...foundation..." of "...the"

faith..." will eventually fall into the abyss of doctrinal complacency and compromise. Many of the lives in those churches are attempting to build but they too have no foundation, and they are falling back into the ways of the earthy carnality of this world. And I am not speaking only about standards of appearance, but mainly of standards of Scripturally "...sound doctrine..." (Titus 2:1) But, Baptist preachers and other Baptist church members, can get on the right "... foundation..."

We know Scripture clearly teaches that Jesus is ultimately everything that the "...foundation..." is! But we must break it down and understand the parts of all that it is. The "...foundation..." for what God identifies as "...one faith..." and "...the faith...," is made up of every inspired word written by "...Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." Only those words are to form every part of "...doctrine..." There is no place in "...the faith..." for anything to be added or taken away from it. If that could actually be done there would be no "...foundation..."

When there is an honest comparison to those Scripturally generated thoughts to the varying and contradicting words, terms, and "...doctrines..." (Matthew 15:9, Colossians 2:22) of traditional, manconceived systems of theology, talk about a flawed foundation!

Consider this next statement very carefully; for as things are among the Baptist brethren of today, it will seem impossible. If any Baptist is on "...the"

foundation..." of "...the faith...," there should be no differences in "...doctrine..." I understand how narrow that premise is; but we are talking about the inspired words... "...one faith..." here, and "...the Spirit of truth..." (John 16:13) leading and guiding! If we have the "...same..." "...words..." (John 12:48) and the "... same spirit of faith..." (II Corinthians 4:13) there should be no unscriptural theological additions. Upon what "...foundation..." does your "...faith..." stand? Is it the "...one faith..." authored by Jesus, or is it a faith manufactured by some system of theology? Is your doctrinal faith based solely upon the words of "...the faith which was once delivered...," or are the "... doctrines..." (I Timothy 4:1) of your version of a faith built on the "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) of some man, devil, "...another spirit..." (II Corinthians 11:4) or a school's theology? If we do not hold to The Lord's "... one faith...." we then have erred from "...the faith..." We either have "...the faith..." that is "...unfeigned..." or we do not!

I Timothy 1:5-6 "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of **faith unfeigned**: 6 From which **some having swerved** have **turned aside** unto vain jangling..."

When you listen to men preach, do you hear words of theology or the words of "...the faith..."? When you hear an inspired word as written in The Scriptures, is there also a theological word next to it in your mind which is tainting its meaning? When you

speak about the subjects in God's Book, do you use words of theology to explain those things, or do you first speak the words authored by "...Jesus the author and finisher of.... our faith..."? And, if you find yourself without God's "...foundation..." under your beliefs, what are you personally going to do about it? If you know of a fellow saved person, a preacher, an evangelist or a messenger who is not on the right doctrinal "...foundation...," what will you do then, and what does God tell us to do in order to help them?

Here are a few Scriptural commands.

Proverbs 19:27 "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err **from the words** of knowledge."

 The "...feigned words..." of theology have caused many doctrinal and practical errors among Baptists.

Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

 Many a Baptist has fallen into error because they did not seek to help a friend out of a doctrinal fault.

Jude 3 "...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Many a Baptist preacher has traded "...
earnestly..." contending for the acceptance of
compromise.

Romans 16:17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

 By not marking and avoiding doctrinal error, many a Baptist preacher has masked over falsehood thereby aiding its propagation.

Titus 1:13-14 "This witness is true. Wherefore **rebuke them** sharply, that they may **be sound in the faith**; 14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth."

When a Baptist refuses to level a stern "...
rebuke..." to a friend in error, he often reveals
himself as not being "...sound in the faith..."

The Scriptures used for those thoughts are not 'suggestions.' Those commands are not optional for me, you, or in the case of a friend. If a Baptist has been taught from the "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) of theology, until those words are purged out of their minds, hearts, and speech; he will not have in him a "...faith unfeigned..." He will not spot the error, and therefore he cannot be used to correct it!

When a saved Baptist man takes the time to honestly look at the beginnings of what has been adopted by many Baptists calling themselves Fundamentalists, the foundation of such 'a faith' is not "...unfeigned..." It was early 1,900's Ecumenical Protestants who conceived their supposed 5-7 fundamentals of their 'faith' in an attempt to stop fightings among themselves. A Scriptural Baptist who adopts and builds on such a foundation is building on the "...rudiments..." (Colossians 2:8) of a Protestant, Dispensationalist, theological "...world..."! (Colossians 2:20)

We have got to get more Baptists to understand, that if there is any alteration or addition to the words of the "...one faith...," it ceases to be "... the faith..." which was authored by Jesus. Many a theologian, Baptist or otherwise, and those who continue to be taught by such deceivers, ought to be extremely fearful of the fact that they are not on the "...sure foundation..." (Isaiah 28:16) of "...the faith..."

## CHAPTER 5

### THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORD OF

### GOD

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 **The same** was in the beginning with God. 4 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Exodus 34:27 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel."

Psalm 12:6-7 "The <u>words</u> of the LORD are <u>pure</u> <u>words</u>: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt **keep <u>them</u>**, O LORD, thou shalt **preserve <u>them</u>** from this generation <u>for ever</u>.

John 1:14 "And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

John 12:47-48 "And if any man hear **my words**, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not **my words**, hath **one** that judgeth him: **the word** that I have spoken, **the same** shall judge him in the last day."

Covering the subject of this chapter will be very short because it's "...foundation..." will be based upon those simple words Scripture you just read. (Please go back and read them again.) If just those "... words...," in English, are not the foundation for faith and trust in The Book of God, then such a person has no foundation for anything.

When it comes to the massive number of volumes of theological books associated with the subject of bible versions, translations, manuscript evidence, codices, and textual criticism, the learned scholars of theology have made it so complicated and confusing, that the average saved person could spend four years of twenty credit hours per semester, on each of those subjects, and never get the "... doctrine..." of The Book of God settled! An appropriate Scripture for that is Ecclesiastes 12:12.

"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." Ecclesiastes 12:12

A man's faith in The Book of God has got to begin with faith in what God has written. A man's foundation for his faith is either based on elements of theology and worldly "...rudiments..." (Colossians 2:8) of educational history, or, he places his faith in and on "...the foundation..." of the words of "...the faith..." which rests upon and is "...Jesus Christ..." (I Corinthians 3:11)

I Peter 2:6 "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone,

elect, precious: and he that believeth **on him** shall not be **confounded**."

If a man's faith concerning the bible is based on being educated on the foundation of man's versions of history and theology, they will be "... confounded." Many a Baptist has been conned into accepting a faulty fundamental foundation! There is also a perfect Scripture which describes their educational journey.

II Timothy 3:7 "Ever learning, and **never able** to come to the knowledge of **the truth**."

A Baptist whose faith rests upon the "... foundation..." of Scripture may never learn all the things written in theology books, but such faith knows and believes that God has only ONE ORIGINAL BOOK.

1. We know and believe it is "...settled in heaven..." (Psalm 119:89) because God said so.

Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

 We know and believe Jesus and "...the Word..." are One and "...the same..." (John 1:1-2)

John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**. 2 The **same** was in the beginning with God."

3. We know that every part of The Book of God that was ever written on this earth was a copy

of the One Original. This includes the first copy written with "...the finger of God..."

Exodus 31:18 "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with **the finger of God**."

4. We know and believe that God told the men whom He chose to write His Book on earth, to write very specific "...words..."

Exodus 34:27 "And the LORD said unto Moses, **Write thou these words**: for after the tenor of **these words** I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel."

5. We know and believe that there is only The Holy Ghost's one valid "...interpretation..." of anything written in Scripture.

Il Peter 1:19-21 "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

6. We know and believe that it is The LORD Who has promised to "...preserve..." every one of His "...words..." "...forever..."

Psalm 12:6-7 "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 **Thou shalt keep them**, O LORD, **thou shalt preserve them** from this generation for ever."

 We know that the words "...given by inspiration of God..." are the inspired objects, the men were not inspired.

II Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration **of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..."

8. We know that to "...add unto..." to or "...take away from..." a single word "...given by inspiration..." (II Timothy 3:16) and preserved by God will result in consequences in this life and in the next.

Revelation 22:18-19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

9. We know and believe that every one of God's words will be there to be the "...judge..." when the "...last day..." comes around.

John 12:47-48 "And if any man hear **my words**, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge

the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not **my words**, hath **one** that judgeth him: **the word** that I have spoken, **the same** shall judge him in **the last day**."

When "...the foundation..." of faith in the subject of The Book of God is grounded upon those nine simple things, the fruit of it is to know and believe, that for English speaking people, there is only ONE perfectly preserved copy of The Book of God! That is why this Baptist's faith in "...the faith..." (Jude 3) rests upon the English words in The Authorized King James Copy of The Book of God. When a Fundamental Baptist is on a flawed theologically based foundation, pertaining to any one of those nine simple points, such a person will be overwhelmed and corrupted by so many flawed and fragmented words and terms which have been passed off as fundamentals, that the result is a "...feianed..." (II Peter 2:3) faith at best! The resulting effects of the "...pernicious ways..." (II Peter 2:2) of theological confusion concerning the words in The Book of God, has caused many who claim to be Independent Fundamental Baptists, to be divided into so many groups and movements, that even the "... seducing spirits and doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1) must have a difficult time of sorting them all out!

When it comes to the subject of The Book of God, foundations comprised of the "...rudiments..." (Colossians 2:8) of theology will not stand against the words of the "...living water..." (John 4:10) which are written in God's Book. Remember, within the word "... rudiments..." is the word fundamentals!

Isaiah 28:16-17 "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. 17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place."

What "...foundation..." is under your belief in The Book of God?

Colossians 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after **the rudiments of the world**, and **not** after Christ."

# CHAPTER 6

### THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

Acts 7:37-39 "This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in **the church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: 39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt..."

Matthew 16:17-18 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Besides that of the fractured foundations pertaining to The Book of God, when it comes to the "...foundation..." of "...the church..." on this earth, the foundation under many a Baptist is less than the dust of sand! And what is very puzzling to me, is how Baptists seem to forget or do not know, that everything pertaining to God's "...church..." is only a "...pattern..." and a "...figure..." of what has always been in Heaven. But that is a study perhaps for another day. As far as earth, there is a "... foundation..." in Scripture on which "...the church..."

rests, but the "...foundation..." for what God was thinking of when He first wrote of the word "... church..." as relating to this planet, has been swapped out in the minds of many Baptists for something completely different.

It is no secret that theology, Baptist or otherwise, has held differing foundations for their "... private..." (II Peter 1:20) versions of the beginning of the church. The two most common theories as to when the church began are:

- 1. The church started in *Matthew 16:18* when Jesus said, "...I will build my church..."
- The church started at Pentecost.

If.... we assume that one of those two starting places are correct, can either of them be irrefutably proved with the words of Scripture? Keep in mind that with God, He knows the exact starting place of His definition of the church on this earth. If just those two which were first mentioned were the only places to consider, let's think about that for a moment. The number of books written about this subject over the years are numerous. But as it always is with theology, their foundation never goes deep enough back into time. Pentecost as the beginning place of the church is easily refuted by the words "...there were added unto them..." which The Holy Ghost gave to Luke to record in Acts 2:41.

Acts 2:41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day **there** were added unto them about three thousand souls."

The word "...there..." identifies a place. If those who got saved after the gospel was preached on Pentecost were baptized and "...were added unto them...," "...there...," then the church in Jerusalem had to have started before that day. If that is too simplistic, you can choose to stay with your theology if you will and leave off explaining your doctrinal and grammatical inconsistency.

Theologians will also say the beginning place of the church was *Matthew 16:18*. But is there any Scripture which introduces to the mind a reasonable doubt to that premise? As already stated, the many ideas and theories of common and historical theological thought could be consulted here, but those fundamental "…rudiments…" (Colossians 2:8) of the religious world will all fall short of The Holy Ghost's Scriptural starting point.

Again, Scripture makes the things of God simple. But in the theological world, just The Holy Ghost's words are seemingly deemed not to be enlightened enough when compared to the "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) used and taught by Satan's "... ministers..." (II Corinthians 11:15)

As you read the next Scriptures quoted in *Acts* 7:37-38, keep in mind where those words were "...in the beginning...," (John 1:1) and make sure you understand exactly Who it was that told *Luke* to record them in God's Book, and, Who was it that promised He would "...preserve..." those words "...for ever...," (Psalm 12:6-7) which includes the English language of The Authorized King James copy of The Scriptures.

Acts 7:37-38 "This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us..."

Because those words were "...given by inspiration of God..." they are "...profitable for doctrine..., (II Timothy 3:16) concerning the starting place of "...the church..." (Acts 7:27-28) on this earth. The "...foundation..." of those inspired words reaches far deeper than when theology theorizes where "...the church..." began. But if our "...foundation..." is based on the words in The Book of God, and is "...sure...," then those words are the spiritual weapons to be used for the "...correction..." of the errors of theology concerning the "...foundation..." of "...the church..."

II Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..."

Do you believe that the words "...the church in the wilderness..." in Acts 7:38 are part of "...all scripture..."? Or do you choose to believe theology's foundation of when and where "...the church..." began? If you choose theology over The Holy Ghost's foundational placement of "...the church...," everything you learn from that chronological flaw, will lend itself only to being more "...confounded..." about the "...foundation..." of "...the church..." And, that will

also cause many other parts of "...doctrine..." to be corrupted.

If you need further Scriptural proof for "...the foundation..." of "...the church...," look at the words of the next Scriptures carefully and in faith that The Holy Ghost knew what He was writing.

Psalm 74:2 "Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt."

Those words place the act of purchasing a "... congregation..." belonging to The LORD back "...of old..." or in past tense. A saved Baptist does not have to be a biblical scholar to know that in the eternal mind of God, this purchase took place long before Jesus actually died on the cross on earth. Now read the words of Acts 20:28.

Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Those words speak of "...the church of God..." as having also been "...purchased..." back in the past. Now let's see if the words "...given by inspiration of God..." (II Timothy 3:16) show a connection to the "... foundation..." of a "...congregation..." belonging to The LORD and "...the church..."

Psalm 22:22 "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee."

Hebrews 2:12 "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

We know that in Hebrews 2:12, the Apostle Paul was being "...moved by the Holy Ghost..." to quote the verse in Psalm 22:22, which was the same Scripture that David was "...moved by the Holy Ghost..." to write. But notice something which foundational fundamental theology seems to have missed. If we believe that The Holy Ghost inspires, interprets, and perfectly preserves the words written in Scripture, then we believe that the words "... congregation..." and "...church...," in their proper context, in the mind of God, are "...the same...." (John 1:1-2) Remember, it is The Holy Ghost Who perfectly interprets words, and He as God is responsible for preserving those words regardless of language. It is theologians who think in terms of 'translation' to produce their own multiple 'translations' of what they call bibles. The Holy Ghost only interprets the words of The Book of God, He uses no translated synonyms!

Both the words "...congregation..." and "... church...," were written in conjunction to having been "...purchased...," and both are interpreted by The Holy Ghost, to be identifying the same thing "... purchased..." by the "...one offering..." (Hebrews

10:14) of "...the blood of Christ..." (Hebrews 9:14) The Holy Ghost proves that those two words are in that context interchangeable! Standing on the old "...sure foundation..." (Isaiah 28:16) we understand and believe those words as they are written. But Protestant, and some Fundamental Baptist theologians and preachers, do not know, deny, or, they despise that "...interpretation..." of The Holy Ghost's "...foundation..." of what the Lord calls His "... church..." Their foundation of their idea of the word "...church..." does not have the "...foundation..." built solely upon the words of The Scriptures.

For an example, there is a man who identifies himself with Baptist Fundamentalism and the fundamentals of the faith in his books and in his preaching. While correctly writing about the falsehood of a Dispensational salvation, he interjects a comment about his understanding of the word church as used in *Acts 7:38*, in relation to Dispensationalism. He has published these exact words in 2018.

**Quote:** "While it is true that every church is a congregation it is also true that every congregation is not a local church. To take the New Testament reference and transfix the word "church" to the Old Testament passage and imply that the first mention of the word was in the Old Testament is not sound interpretation." **End Quote.** 

He has a human right to his theological explanation. But here is a question for you: If... The

Holy Ghost gave Luke the inspired words "...the church in the wilderness..." to be written after the cross in Acts 7:38 in reference to what He also wrote of as being a "...congregation..." back before the cross with "...Moses..." "...in the church in the wilderness...;" (also called "...the tabernacle...") did The Holy Ghost mistakenly "transfix" the word "...church..."? Should The Holy Ghost have moved Luke to write the word "... congregation..." instead of the word "...church..."? Just who made this mind-altering mistake here? It was NOT God! Many a Fundamental Baptist has stepped on to a faulty and doctrinally flawed foundation when it comes to what The Holy Ghost calls a "... congregation..." and a "...church..." For the time of this earth, as far as from the perspective of The Holy Ghost, the foundation of "...the church..." rests firmly in the Scriptures of Acts 7:38 back "...in the wilderness..."

## CHAPTER 7

### GETTING BAPTISTS ON THE

#### **FOUNDATION**

Ephesians 2:19 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone..."

The things which will be said in this chapter will not be easy for some Baptists to handle. But they will reveal the foundation under their present beliefs, both good and bad. We have all had those times when The Holy Ghost showed us something we just did not see, learn, or understand. We all have had other times when we had to repent of some wrong, obstinate, prideful, and perhaps openly rebellious choices. But it has been at those moments when we submitted to God's Spirit, that thanked The Lord for revealing an error in our actions, understanding, "...doctrine...," or a sub-scriptural practice.

Once a saved Baptist realizes they have been on a faulty, nonexistent foundation of Protestantism, Fundamentalism, or Dispensationalism, before they can be on "...the foundation...," they must reject and get off the wrong foundation. To do that they have got to be able to recognize and admit the flaws of its make-up, or they will continue on in error. There is no room here form lukewarmness! Even a saved Baptist with great integrity can't repent and be restored if

they don't see that they are involved in the error of doctrinal falsehood.

For the purpose of this particular chapter, there are a few tell-tale evidences which reveal Fundamental-Baptists who are not firmly on the Scripturally "...sure foundation..." of "...the faith which was once delivered..." Please do not get me wrong here. Many of these who I may be referring to, may read, study, teach, quote and preach from an old King James Bible. Many of these may proclaim to be believers in the local church. Many of these, preach and practice confrontational, one-on-one soulwinning. Many of these still stand for old fashioned dress standards, non-contemporary music, and for not compromising with the ways and things of this world. You may be thinking: "Then how can you say such as those are on a fundamentally flawed and faulty foundation?" Never forget to consider that just because the devil fails in keeping lost souls from hearing the gospel; he will redirect his "...wiles..." (Ephesians 6:11) toward the corrupting and destruction of other things. He may tempt truly saved people to read and use false bibles. He may be the influence that keeps a truly saved individual out of a doctrinally solid Baptist church. Or, he uses his "... ministers..." (II Corinthians 11:14-15) who are already planted in among a good church, to teach corrupt "... doctrines..." He also has facilitated sending truly called men to study and learn from some Protestant-Dispensationalist-Baptist colleges where their minds and consciences are "...seared..." by "...giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1-2)

I Timothy 4:1-2 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines** of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their **conscience seared** with a hot iron..."

There are many such Fundamentalist-Baptists who by their own use of theological words and terms show that they have no spiritual conscience as to the foundation they are **NOT** on.

Every saved Baptist preacher of the present, and those who will be trained in the future, can choose to be one of two kinds of men. It all depends upon the "...foundation..." which is or is not under all he believes and practices. Is your present "... foundation..." based on only the words of "...the faith which was once delivered...," or is it built on the "... feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) of a flawed Fundamentalist foundation?

No matter what has been done in the past, every born again Baptist preacher can choose to listen to and learn from only the words written in The Book of God; or, they can choose to allow themselves to continue holding to, listening to, and peaching from the words of the theologies of Protestant based Fundamentalism.

What is being witnessed right now, is that there are Baptist men who claim to be hearing the words of God which speak to the correcting of their erring doctrinal associations, but when it comes to marking and avoiding their friends who are involved in the Protestant based theologies of Dispensationalist and Fundamentalist "...doctrines...," (Romans 16:17-18) they are not practicing the doing of it! Such

a man has nothing under their beliefs for a foundation except the dirt of earth.

Romans 16:17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

Because of being on a fundamentally flawed foundation, there are Baptist preachers who see the words of that command as only being applied to their 5-7 so-called adopted fundamentals of the faith, which unknown to many of them, actually began with Presbyterian-Fundamentalist-Protestants. It has also been the case when a Fundamental-Baptist is questioned as to some of the other parts of "...the faith...," or they are confronted with their associations with Protestant based Fundamental-Dispensationalism, that they count such enquiries as the cause of unnecessary division. That twisted kind of thinking is due to many such as these, have gone on for generations thinking that Fundamentalism began with Baptists, therefore, when that theological tradition is questioned, they rebel in the wrong direction! They assign blame for division to those attempting to "...restore..." (Galatians 6:1) them to "... rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15) By there mislead false accusations of division, they are actually revealing their own lack of study.

Think about this; would a Scriptural Believing Baptist preacher of the words in the Authorized King James copy of The Book of God, invite a Methodist or a Presbyterian preacher to preach in a Baptist pulpit? If C.I Scofield was still alive, would a Baptist pastor, professing to be "Big "B" Baptist, invite that

Protestant, who was not at all a Baptist, to teach at his church or college? And yet, those who are on a fundamentally flawed foundation, have done such things and worse! Baptist pastors have sent members of their congregation to Protestant-Methodist Colleges. Fundamental-Baptist preachers still praise the preaching of a well-known Calvinist-Presbyterian evangelist of the past, as if he were a hero of the faith. Independent-Fundamental-Baptist College professors use and teach from the notes, words, terms, and false "...doctrines..." (I Timothy 4:1) of C.I. Scofield, a Protestant-Dispensationalist, in Baptist classrooms, as if he, as one Baptist once said to me, knew more doctrine than any Baptists. As it is with many who are on only a Fundamentalist foundation, many of them do know more than some Baptists; but that is only because of all of the things they have added to "...the faith..."! Those who are involved with such extrascriptural practices must be marked and avoided!

Romans 16:17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

If we focus on just the "...doctrine..." of "...the church...," the words of Romans 16:17 have to be applied all the way back to what Baptists say they believe about "...the church in the wilderness..." (Acts 7:38) Due to the fundamentalist error of thinking there have been 7-8 different 'dispensations,' Fundamental-Baptist-Dispensationalists often avoid "...the church in the wilderness..." or they try to use tactics of theological doubletalk to explain that there wasn't an actual church back there with Moses.

Fundamental-Baptists such as they had better worry about what The Holy Ghost thinks about that! Let's face it, how much detail are we given about the actual church services in Matthew through Revelation? How much detail are we given in Scripture about the running of an actual service beginning in "...the church in the wilderness..." up through the services of the synagogues before and after the cross? When we eliminate the things of the law which all have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, what other aspects of church services are left? That will give you some things to study out on your own. But for a Fundamental-Baptist still on a Protestant based foundation, it is just easier to leave out the teaching about "...the church in the wilderness..." because it doesn't fit into their false theologically conceived term 'The Church Age.' I know that such things as that are deemed harsh. But that is only because many Baptists are to soft and tolerant when it pertains to the doctrinal error among their associations, financial contributors, and friends in the ministry.

If we believe that The Holy Ghost had *Luke* to write of "...the church in the wilderness..." in the inspired and preserved words of Acts 7:38, we are then responsible to God to "...mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them..." when that part of "...doctrine..." is denied! Does that command become invalid just because a Fundamental-Baptist-Dispensationalist thinks that the church began somewhere in Matthew or at Pentecost? If you truly believe every word given by The Holy Ghost to be written in The Book of God, the only Scripturally correct answer to that question is NO! When a Baptist

is not settled firmly upon the "...foundation..." of God's definition of His kind of "...church..." it affects every other part of "...the faith..."

A strong Scriptural "...foundation..." is "... built..." by three main contributors to the work. Those are "...the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone..." Many of the flaws of fundamentalism are revealed when Dispensationalist-Fundamental-Baptists speak, teach, and preach as if the part that "...the apostles and prophets..." had in the building of the "...foundation..." is no longer valid. Such as these seem to believe that their foundation for their faith and practice began only in what they call the new testament. In their error, they cause much of the writings of Scripture before the Book of Matthew to be treated as if those things no longer apply to Gentiles. In Scriptural reality, the only things we no longer are to practice from those times are the sacrifices "...imposed..." (Hebrews 9:10) on the Jews. And we know that none of those things were ever intended to be the means of their redemption.

Here are some things which will reveal the foundation under a professing Baptist's beliefs. These next things show the fundamental flaws of a faulty fundamentalist foundation.

When a Baptist thinks that there are only 5-7 fundamentals of the faith; and calls the rest of the parts of the "...doctrine..." of "...the faith..." non-essentials, that person has no true foundation. God speaks of His "...doctrine..." in the singular, as one whole Scriptural unit of truth.

Question: Does The Holy Ghost tell Baptists that we were to "...earnestly contend..." for only a few parts of "...doctrine..."? Or are we commanded to "... contend..." for all of "...the faith which was once delivered..." as "...one faith..."? (Ephesians 4:5)

2. When a Baptist adopts the "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) of the "...doctrines..." (Mark 7:7) of a Protestant-born Dispensationalism, or other Protestant-conceived theological words and terms, and they don't recognize that adding those extra-scriptural things in alongside the words of The Holy Ghosts text is forbidden by Jesus; they have no foundation. They will answer to "...the author and finisher of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:2)

**Question:** Have Fundamental Baptists been granted some exclusion from suffering the curses of *Revelation* 22:18-19?

3. When a Baptist teaches the shallow idea held by many Fundamental Baptists, that the "... foundation..." associated with the word "... church..." has to do only with what is called a Gentile Bride, and leaves out the Jews, they are not on the same "...the foundation..." of God.

Question: When Jesus speaks of "...the bride, the Lamb's wife..." (Revelation 21:9) in referring to the heavenly city of "...new Jerusalem...," and its "... twelve foundations..." why is that place marked with

the names of Jewish Apostles and no Gentile names are written? The Saved Jews, and "...also..." (Romans 1:16, 2:10) saved Gentiles, will be only a part of that future "...bride..."

4. When a professor at a Fundamental-Baptist College, teaches the same "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) and terms as found in Protestant systematic theology curriculums, that reveals that they are not instructing from the basis of a Scripturally "...sound..." foundation.

**Question:** How can that kind of teacher or teaching coexist with the words of *Romans 16:17*?

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Romans 16:17

5. When a Fundamental-Baptist calls a Fundamental-Methodist or a Fundamental-Presbyterian a hero of the faith, he is not on the same "...foundation..." of "...the faith..." established by The Lord Jesus Christ.

**Question:** Do you know how it came to be, that Baptists who would never invite a Protestant to preach at their local church, still refer to men like Billy Sunday and Bob Jones Sr. as Fundamentalists?

6. When a Fundamental Baptist accuses a Scriptural Baptist of causing division because they teach, preach, and write against Independent-Fundamental-Baptists who teach,

preach, write and are associated with extrascriptural words and terms for "...doctrines...," they are on a foundation occupied by "... seducing spirits and doctrines of devils..." (I Timothy 4:1)

Question: When The Holy Ghost gave the words of *I* Timothy 4:1 to that preacher, didn't that also mean that some Baptist who were once standing on the "... foundation..." of "...the faith..." would be the future Baptists who would "...depart from the faith..."?

7. When a Fundamental Baptist claims to be on the right doctrinal foundation, but he will not seek to "...restore...," (Galatians 6:1) sharply "...rebuke..." (Titus 1:13) or "...mark..." and "... avoid..." a non-repentive-Baptist brother who is involved in false "...doctrines..." or "... offences...;" (Romans 16:18) perhaps the reason they don't obey such commands is because they too are on the same faulty fundamental foundation.

Because of wrongly dividing many parts of the Scripture, many Baptists imagine a foundation for their faith which reaches back only to the 1,900's. That does not reach deep enough into time.

## CHAPTER 8

#### FOUNDATION OF THE ONE FOLD

John 10:16 "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be **one fold,** and one shepherd."

Those involved with Baptist-Fundamentalism often speak as if the foundation of their movement does not include Israel. Many of these teach as if God's Book is split in two. That element of deceit was introduced because a Catholic man decided to add a page in between Malachi and Matthew which reads "New Testament." That unauthorized addition has been the catalyst of many false "...doctrines..." which have blinded the minds of many a Gentile Fundamental-Baptist, with a vail of Dispensationalism which keeps them from understanding very large portions of Scripture written before the cross. To many of these, the pride of their Fundamentalist-Dispensationalist "... conceits..." (Romans 11:25) will not allow them to admit that words such as Ephesians 2:11-20 are written to "...Gentiles..." and teach that saved "... Gentiles..." are the ones who have now been brought into the "...one fold..." Jesus spoke of to His Jewish Apostles in John 10:16. That "...one fold..." began with "...the Jew first..." (Romans 1:16, Romans 2:9-10)

As you read the words of *Ephesians 2:11-20,* the context is clear. The Jews were first, Gentiles are now the add-ons!

"Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ,

being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ve who sometimes were far off are made **nigh** by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone..." Ephesians 2:11-20

Those words are speaking to us as Gentiles being added in! Dispensationalist-Baptist-Fundamentalism speaks as if everything is all about Gentiles. Dispensationalist-Baptist-Fundamentalism teaches that things pertaining to the Gentiles began with a foundation beginning with their tainted version of what they think the words 'new testament' mean. By their versions of theology, they think the Book of *Matthew* begins what they think of as New Testament, when in the truth of Scriptural reality, the writings in *Matthew*, right up until *Matthew 27:50*, are even by their definition, Old Testament; and many of them don't even know that what they are saying is not accurate.

## CHAPTER 9

### FACING WHAT WAS BUILT ON THE

#### **FOUNDATION**

I Corinthians 3:10-15 "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

These words are often applied to each individual believer standing before the Lord to have the work of their lives tested. But the context must first be understood to be speaking of how a man called and sent by The Lord builds upon "...the foundation..." which began with and is Jesus Christ.

Il Corinthians 11:1-4 "Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

What are the words used for "...doctrine..." and "...truth..." that are being heard in a church, specifically in Baptist churches? Where and from whom did those word originate? Again, I ask, does that sound too simple?

I John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every **spirit, but try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

The only way to obey the command given by God in that Scripture is to test the words to read and hear if they are "...of God..." How do we know that is true? Because in that context the words "...spirit..." and "...spirits..." are words! As you read the words of the next Scripture it ought to be absolutely evident that the context is about "...words..." which belong exclusively to God.

John 6:63-68 "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words** that I speak unto

you, **they are spirit**, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? **thou hast the words** of eternal life."

It is time that Baptists who desire to be right with the words as written in God's Book purge out any "...feigned words..." (II Peter 2:3) which form the logic on their minds. Those "...feigned words..." must not be associated with a Baptist church claiming to be one of The Lord's. Case in point for this book. There are thousands of Baptist Churches which have come to be known Independent Fundamental Baptist Churches. Many of those within the membership and leadership of such Baptist Churches identify themselves as Fundamentalists. Until learning of the foundation of what is called Fundamentalism, I too held some thought of myself as being a part of that group. But at the same time, even as not yet having learned of the foundation of Fundamentalism, as is easily seen in the books I have written, I have been clearly and openly against any level of Protestantism or theology. As for Protestantism, those organizations under that identifying label came out from Catholicism. Catholicism was never in the Scriptural or doctrinal line of the kind of Church established. Those manconceived religious organizations are each built upon a

man and his theology. Many of those denominations are even named after the men who started them. In stark contrast, the only kind of Scripturally based churches were and are established upon three things:

- Christ Himself.
- The inspired words of The Book of God.
- 3. And "...the doctrine..." of what The Holy Ghost wrote as being "...the faith..." (Jude 3 and 23 other times) and "...one faith..." (Ephesians 4:5)

If we adhere to only the words as given and written in Scripture, we cannot honestly justify any "movement," lead by a man, who's group is labeled by an identifying name ending with the letters "i.s.m." We cannot condone and mindlessly repeat the words of their varying systems of theology. I understand how such a claim will most likely be perceived in this present ecumenically minded religious world. But please think this pointed declaration through carefully. Here is my point. No matter what good has come from some of those involved in the movements of Protestantism or of Independent Baptist Fundamentalism, it's foundation, it's beginning cannot be justified by Scripture. We can thank The Lord for the sinners who have truly been "...born again..." but actual Fundamentalism has been flawed from its conception. All those Baptist churches which were built upon that defective doctrinal foundation are fast beginning to fall! The history of Fundamentalism does not go back anywhere near far enough to be defensible by use of the words as written in The Book of God. Jesus Christ is the only true "...foundation..."

# I Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

When a faulty foundation is discovered under an organization with the name Baptist on its building, there are only a few choices to be consider.

- 1. You can attempt to patch the bad foundation up.
- 2. You can attempt to rebuild the foundation.
- 3. You can attempt to cover up its bad sections so as not to alarm the people in the building.
- 4. You could attempt to remove the faulty foundation but still keep what was built upon as if it was once sound.
- 5. You can keep using the building without ever mentioning its foundation.
- Or, you can get out of the building which started out on that faulty foundation, and seek out that which has "...the foundation..." which has never been flawed.

Scripture makes it abundantly plain that it is The Lord Jesus Christ Who is The ultimate and only true "... foundation..."

I Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

He built upon that perfect "...foundation..." by using "...the apostles and prophets..."

Ephesians 2:19-22 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon **the foundation** of the **apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

All who claim to be born again, are in some way building for the future. If the "...foundation..." we are on is at all faulty, in any way, our work for God will not bring with it the rewards which will glorify The Lord Jesus. The outcome of our work in this life all starts and ends with Jesus.

Without exception, we must know only The Jesus Who is identified and exemplified by the words in The Book of God. A statement such as that may sound as if it need not be applied to Fundamental Baptists; but we are now in a very strange time. In II Corinthians 11:4, we have been warned that there will be those who believe in "...another Jesus..." Of course, we as Bible believing Baptists, will readily think about false religions. The Jesus of Catholicism is not the Jesus of The Book of God. The Jesus of Budda is not the Jesus of The Book of God. The Jesus of Mormonism is not the Jesus of The Book of God. The Jesus of Jehovah's Witnesses is not the Jesus of The Book of God. The Jesus of many denominational religions of this world is not the Jesus of The Book of God. If that is the case, everything that those who are so deceived know, think and believe concerning anything about God; His individual "...words...," (Psalms 12:6-7) His "...book...," (Revelation 22:18-19) His "...church...," (Colossians 1:18, Acts 20:28) His "... doctrine...," (John 7:16) His "...gospel...," (Mark 16:15)) "...the faith which was once delivered...," (Jude 3) and how they practice those "...things...;" (Hebrews 6:9) will all be out of line with The Scriptures! If people such as those remain on a faulty foundation of a false idea about The Jesus of The Book of God; they have no hope of learning, understanding, teaching, preaching or practicing the truth. That ought to be a terrifying thought to anyone who is not 100% sure that they are the right Scriptural "... foundation...;" and can prove they are with only the words as written, (in English) in The Book of God! The worst-case scenario is for those who are lost for their state of being deceived will earn them a place in Hell and later in The Lake of Fire.

But what about a person who has truly in repentance and faith, received The Jesus of the Scriptures as their Saviour; but, they are taught from "...feigned words...," (II Peter 2:3) a false "...book...," false churches established by men, (Revelation 22:18-19) "...doctrines of devils...," (I Timothy 4:1) "... another gospel...," (II Corinthians 11:4) and from theology instead of "...the faith which was once delivered..."? (Jude 3) And what if some of those saved folks happen to be Independent Baptists? That should not surprise any serious student of The Book of God, for we are told that this will happen in "...the last days..." When The Holy Ghost writes about a "... falling away..." (II Thessalonians 2:3) and those who will "...not endure sound doctrine...," (II Timothy 4:3) He is not speaking about unsaved people or false churches; He is speaking about people and churches which belong to Jesus!

II Timothy 2:14-21 "Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

When we received The Lord's gift of eternal life, we gladly left the system of religion which held us in its deceit and falsehood. As we heard the words in The Book of God taught and preached, and studied the words in The Book of God, we began to learn "... doctrine..." and how to practice it. Many things which made up our past beliefs were challenged and were identified and revealed as false. We gladly forsook those things and replaced them first in our minds, and in the practices of living for The Lord.

Here in these last days, there is a strange thing occurring. On one hand, we are witnessing a generation of professing believers who have asked Jesus to be their Saviour, who are in practice remaining attached to the carnality of those in this world. The sad thing about that statement is that it is happening to them as the result of what they are **not** hearing from many of the pulpits in Fundamental, Independent Baptist churches. Then there are those who are proclaiming that they are Independent Fundamental Baptists and that they are holding to the old paths. The group who are heading back into the world from which they came will soon become no more than another religious group in which The Holy Ghost of God and The Perfectly Preserved Book of God has no part. But the other group of Baptists are gathering around what they think are the old paths; but they are not nearly old enough! The "...doctrine..." "...once delivered..." has been replaced with the tradition's theology, and is now considered "...a" strange thing..."

Hosea 8:12 "I have written to him the great things of my law, **but** they were counted as **a strange thing**."

Hebrews 13:9 "Be not carried about with divers and **strange doctrines**. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein."

I have been asking a question to Fundamental Independent Baptist preachers. The question is, "Do you know where Fundamentalism began and who were those involved in its beginning stages?" Their answers have been varied and interestingly revealing. Most of the men who answered have referenced Jack Hyles, John R. Rice, Lee Roberson, J. Frank Norris and G.B. Vick. Each of those men were highly respected and no doubt were used to lead many lost souls to pray and ask Jesus to saved them.

If you learned the truth, that the beginning point of the system of "...doctrines..." you were taught, were based upon the beliefs of those who did not trust The English of The Authorized King James Bible, would you hold to all you received from them?

Just because a movement has become the normal association; would you stay with it because your friends in the ministry do so?

Would you keep the good elements of those beliefs; while denouncing the bad, yet keep the association with the name or names of the movement?

Would you excuse or downplay the false doctrines because of the good which came out of that group?

Would you fight against the false beliefs of those who are in the same movement as you are while proclaiming you are the right element of the movement gone bad?

Or, would you obey the words in The Book of God and forsake that tainted theological system and start fresh with the "...doctrine..." of "...the faith which was once delivered..." to our Scripturally correct ancestors? Fundamentalism Is Not Our Foundation

Fundamentalism is a name that has been chosen by many independent Baptists to identify themselves. Although there are differences in their doctrines and practices, those who label themselves with that term hold to certain basics in their doctrinal beliefs. In years past such things were easier to identify then those Fundamentalists of today. But as it has been with any belief structure or movement not based solely on The Scriptures, Fundamentalists are more divided than ever. I fully understand that there will be those reading this right now with a question forming in their minds. Before you express it, let me ask you a question. "Do you know the origin of what is now called Fundamentalism?" So as not to lose a reader who thinks that the Gentile Ministry or this pastor are not Scriptural believing independent Baptists, let me list a few of our common beliefs. After I do so, I will get back to Fundamentalism.