

Aligning Our Foundation to the Corner Stone

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Starting Foundation Blocks

Building our Foundation

Heb.6:1-2 – Foundations of our faith

- **Basic doctrine we should fully understand and build upon**
 - **ALIGNING OUR BELIEFS** not to be shipwrecked
 - **Rom.12:1** – Presenting our bodies as living sacrifices = Giving up our beliefs and accepting the Word of God
 - How ships were landed – 2-3 lights aligned

Detecting Faulty Foundations

- **Many do not have a solid foundation,**
 - It is like trying to learn calculus without understanding basic math
- **How do you feel about your walk**
- **Your Emotional Stability and Struggles**
- **Your Goals and Desires**
 - Praying to God to help you to rob a bank (prayer deception)

Freedom from Religion

Come to Me – Mt.11:28-30 –

Jesus' burden is light, not difficult

- **If it is heavy, it is not from Jesus**
- **Jesus will make you love God, life and people**

Religious people put impossible burdens on you – **Mt.23:4**

- **Religious people have long LISTS TO DO AND NOT TO DO**
 - **Observe = watch, discern but also keep**
 - **Do = evidently not the Pharisees do**
 - **These burdens separate you from God, will make you focus on JUDGMENT**
 - **Lists will stop you from receiving the promises**
 - **God's love is unconditional**
- **If you feel that being a Christian is difficult, YOU ARE IN RELIGION**
- **RELIGION IS ADDICTIVE**, like a drug, the more you do the more you need to do
 - **Karl Marks was right: "Religion is the opium of the people."**

Religion is of the flesh, a relationship with Jesus is from the heart.

First Foundation: Not **Laying Again the Foundation of Repentance from Dead Works**

First align with the Corner Stone

- **You are saved, delivered and healed by faith, not by works – Eph.2:8-10**
 - **But you have the power/grace to do good works**
 - **Why do you do them? (to get approval or out of the love of God) – It is difficult to know why.**
 - **How do you feel after doing them? (proud, better than others, or humble, I am just as they are)**
 - **This is your confirmation**
- **Prayer, Fasting, Tithing, Reading the Bible, Going to church, Loving and helping people are things you will do if you have a relationship with God**
 - **If you don't do them I must question how saved you are**
 - **These are not things that will save you**
- **DEAD WORKS AND GOOD WORKS MAY BE THE SAME THING**, but your motivation/heart is different
 - **You do DEAD WORKS from duty but they will be a burden to you, even if at the time, they will make your flesh feel good**

- You do **DEAD WORKS** to get God's approval and make God respond by giving you what you want
 - Dead works are manipulating God
- You do **GOOD WORKS** from the heart, and they are not a burden and you will not make too much of them
 - Your response to the things God has done for you
- We are **QUALIFIED TO BE** partakers and delivered – **Col.1:12-14**
- **WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO YOUR SITUATION?**

Questions to Consider

1. How can you detect a faulty foundation?
2. How does Romans 12:1 relate to our foundation?
3. What does Mt.11:28-30 tell us concerning our Christian experience?
4. Why is religion addictive while true Christianity is not?
5. Why we can say that dead works are idols?
6. How can you distinguish dead works from good works?