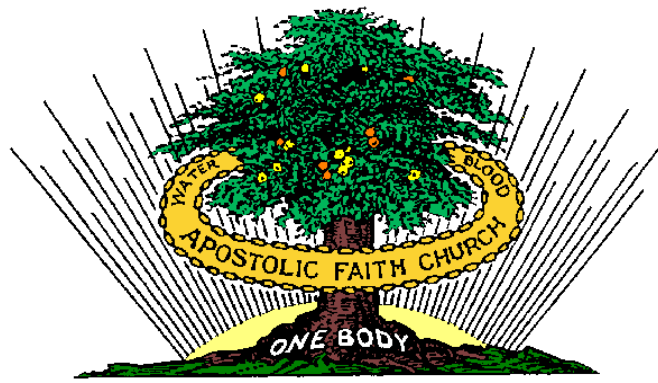


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## **Christ the Sure Foundation: Building the Church on the Rock that Cannot Be Moved**

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" - 1 Corinthians 3:11, KJV.

Every lasting structure begins with a foundation. In the physical world, engineers know that if the foundation is weak, no matter how beautiful the building looks, it will eventually collapse. The same is true for the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The only foundation strong enough to hold the weight of God's eternal plan is Christ Himself. Anything else - human philosophy, worldly wisdom, or religious tradition, or even religious politics, will all collapse and fail.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself declared: "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18, KJV). Here, the "rock" Jesus is referring to, is not Peter as a man, but He is referring to the Revelation of Jesus as the Christ - Son of the living God that Peter had received from God the Father in heaven above: the divine truth concerning the Lordship of the Christ.

The Church today must walk in the revelation of Christ, the Rock and solid foundation for it to be established. The Church must cast aside personal ambitions, religious and ancestral traditions and rituals, and political power-play fighting for positions and recognitions etc., and perceive in the Spirit the Revelation of Christ – Son of the Living God, as the Sure Foundation. It is only then that the Church will not be shaken, and, as the Lord declares, "...the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

### **Why is Christ the Sure Foundation?**

1. **He is the Eternal Word of God** (John 1:1-3). Everything that was made was made by Him, and without Him, nothing can truly stand. He is the Word made Flesh, and we must 'behold His Glory' (John 1:14). He does not only dwell among us - but most importantly, He dwells in Us as the Glorious Word – Christ in you, the hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27).
2. **His Work on the Cross is Complete** (John 19:30). The Work of Redemption is finished, sin is paid for, and the unshakable foundation is laid forever. Through Faith in the Finished Work of Christ on the Cross the soul is born again, the spirit man is regenerated or quickened, sanctified and justified, receiving the new life of Christ by grace through the work of the Holy Spirit.
3. **He is the Cornerstone** (Ephesians 2:20). Every part of the Church's structure must align with Him. He is the reference point, He anchors the whole church, its life, doctrine, operations and gifts of the Holy Spirit. He builds His Church.
4. **He is Unshakable** (Hebrews 13:8). In an ever-changing world, He remains the same

yesterday, today, and forever. He is trustworthy in any circumstance. He remains Sure and reliable in all seasons, the Solid rock on which we stand:

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesu's blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesu's name.

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand;  
All other ground is Sinking Stand.

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### **A Call to the Church Today**

The Church of Jesus Christ will stand the test of time and withstand the gates of hell only if it remains steadfast and anchored on the foundation that has already been laid, which is Christ Himself. The storms of false doctrine, moral decay, rebellion, and persecution will come, but if we continue building on the Rock - Jesus Christ the Sure Foundation, we as the Church will prevail in the name of the Lord, and will not fall away from this precious Apostolic Faith (Matthew 7:24-25).

Let every pastor, leader, every believer and member take heed (be careful and cautious) how they build on this foundation (1 Corinthians 3:10). Let us return to the Apostolic doctrine centered on Christ, Spirit-led ministry, fervent prayer, and Christ-centered living, casting aside heresies, traditional rituals and practices infiltrating the Church as a form of spiritualism, selfish ambitions and position church politics etc., and focus on Christ and holding on to our Faith and Vision. Then the world will see not just buildings called "churches," but a living, unshakable One Body of Christ that cannot be moved.

I leave you with this scripture in closing: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" - 2 Timothy 2:19.

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