

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – April 24- 29
Doing Life Together – A Solid Foundation

MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 11:4, 1 Peter 2:4

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 3:11

OBSERVATION No less important than the building is the foundation of the church. No building is stronger than its foundation. What then is the foundation of the church? In 1 Cor. 3:11, we are given the answer, “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” Whatever it is, upon it the church was built by Christ. In order to get the complete picture of the text, notice verse 16, “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Then in verse 17 the Lord blesses Peter for the confession which he had made, and in verse 18 the Lord promises to build His church.

TUESDAY: Matthew 21:42, Romans 10:11, Luke 20:17

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 28:16

OBSERVATION: It is a tried stone, as metal is tried in fire. The metal is not untested, not unreliable, not unknown, but is tried and tested and is certain to withstand any and all adversities and tests. It is a precious stone. It is the best of the best of the best of stones, and only the best stone which has been compared and selected, is used as the corner stone upon which the building is constructed. And therefore, he that believes, means when a person builds a home, and resides within it, and then a major storm comes along, then are they afraid, do they tremble, do they make haste, as this verse states and run away for something better for something that will be safer during the storm?

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 118:22, Mark 12:10

KEY VERSE: Matthew 21:42

OBSERVATION: For those living in societies where people often built their own homes, using construction terminology to explain the priority of Jesus the Messiah as the Cornerstone of the household of God provided a clear connecting point that would have been well understood by the original audience. Today, we read these words and clearly see the Bible's indication that Jesus serves as the foundation of the Church as well as for each Christian's individual life.

THURSDAY: Mark 9:12, Isaiah 29:16

KEY VERSE: Acts 4:11

OBSERVATION: This is a wonderful image of the Lord Jesus, when you think about it. At one level, He appears to be just another stone in the building - made of the same stuff as the rest of us stones. And yet He is more central to the building than any of the other stones because He occupies that place in the structure, such that if He is removed, the entire building collapses!

FRIDAY Proverbs 9:1, Zechariah 10:4, Matthew 16:18

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 2:20

OBSERVATION: We stand on the Christian lives of those who have gone before us. Those who have died in the faith, the saints who await their resurrection from the dead, form the foundation on which we stand, along with Christ, the Cornerstone. If we live our lives with integrity, then we too become an integral piece of the building that God is putting together.

SATURDAY: Isaiah 42:1, Romans 9:32, Isaiah 46:13

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 2:6-8

OBSERVATION: Our faith is based on the bedrock foundation laid for us by God, Himself, and that foundation is nothing other than Jesus Christ! God says “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.” (1 Peter 2:7 quoting Isaiah 28:16) In the “old days,” the cornerstone was the most important stone in the building. It had to be perfect, true and exactly positioned so that all the other stones could find their direction, angle and line from it. In this way the walls could rise straight and sure; able to withstand the effects of time and weather.