

Next Steps

October 27, 2019

Our Foundation - Sermon Study

1. Read **Col 2:6-7**. How does that help you understand **what's next** after you become a believer? How would you **explain** what those verses mean to someone else?
2. What part does **believing**... and not doubting... play in **receiving** from God? Read **James 1:6-8**. In your own life... how do you see this being an important issue?
3. As you take the **next steps** in your relationship with God... how **important** should the Word of God be? How important is it to God? Read **Psa 138:2... Num 23:19... 2Cor 1:20... 2Pet 1:21**.
4. How do you see this quote **applying** to our everyday **lives** on Social Media and in our world? *If you want to talk about what the bible teaches, we can have that conversation all day... but if you're saying I don't care what the bible teaches... then we really can't have a conversation, because you and I see the world thru completely different lenses. You're arguing on what you think... I'm arguing on thousands of years of theology and God's self-revealed will. But if you want to talk scripture, let's talk. Matt Chandler*
5. Read **Phil 3... 2Cor 3:5... 2Tim 3:16-17**. What do they tell you about the importance of God in your life? What does He **want you to do** with His Word? Read **Rom 10:14-17... Rev 1:3... Acts 17:11... Psa 1:1-3... Phil 4:4-9**. How well do you **hear, read, study, meditate, and apply** God's Word?
6. How does **prayer** fit into our relationship with God? Is it important? Read **Jer 30:19... Col 3:16-17... Col 4:2... Psa 25:4-5... Psa 119:105... Eph 5:20-17... Luke 8:14-15... John 15:17... 2Pet 3:18... Rom 8:17-32... 1Cor 2:10-16... 1Thess 5:17-18... Col 1:9**.
7. What is your **takeaway** from this message? How did it strengthen your **personal foundation**?

Please read entire passages of scripture to get full context. See sermon notes for more info.

Sermon Notes

Our Foundation – Col 2:6-7

I. Introduction

- a. back to *Next Steps*... become believer, join AL, what's next...
Col 2:6-7... "just as you accepted Jesus (grace)... walk in Him... rooted, built on Him... established in faith... grow strong, thanks overflow..."
- b. saved by belief in Jesus (only)... eternal... His obedience, not yours... cornerstone of our doctrinal foundation... everything built on this...
Psa 119:142... "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness..."
John 3:15-36... "everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life..."
1Tim 1:16... "those who believe in Him for eternal life..."
owlam/aion... forever, everlasting; always; continuous, perpetual, unending...
Rom 5... "thru one man's obedience... many will be made righteous..."
Rom 6... "obedience (Jesus) leads to righteousness... gift eternal life..."
- c. belief, not doubt leads to receiving blessings... pray...
Jam 1:6-8... "let him ask in faith (belief) without doubting... doubter should not expect to receive anything from the Lord..."

II. Our Foundation

- a. our foundation stands on Word of God (not all churches) ...
Psa 138:2... "You have magnified Your Word above all Your name..."
Num 23:19... "God does not lie... does He promise and not fulfill..."
2Cor 1:20... "every one of God's promises is *Yes* and *Amen* in Jesus..."
2Pet 1:21... "prophecy never from man... moved by HS, from God..."

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- b. bible is more accurate than any other book we have... historical, scientific, archaeological, prophetic, cultural (**Aug 4th**) ... foundation not **etp**... not denominational... but truth of Word (**social issues**) ...
Mark 7:13... "cancel Word of God to hand down your own tradition..."
1Cor 2:2... "determined to know nothing... but Jesus crucified..."
Phil 3:8... "everything else worthless... compared to knowing Jesus..."

**Your picture of God is the single greatest influence on your life. Define God and you define yourself.
How you see Him affects how you see yourself. AW Tozer**
- c. Jesus reveals God as a loving Father... good God... desires heart relationship... not works and performance...
Phil 3... "once thought these things (religious works) were valuable... now consider them garbage because of what Christ has done... if you disagree on some point... I believe God will make it plain to you..."

- d. good relationships require time... getting to know one another... bible study is critical to knowing who God is... success, failure, life, death...
 2Cor 3:5... "nothing of lasting value on our own... success from God..."
 2Tim 3:16-17... "all scripture inspired by God... for teaching (path)... rebuking (got off path) ... correcting (get back on) ... training (stay on) ..."
- e. Word is final authority in all truth, discussion, decisions (right, wrong) ... need to hear, read, study, meditate, apply to find what we need...
 Rom 10:14-17... "how can they believe without hearing..."
 Rev 1:3... "blessed is the one who reads... listens, obeys..."
 Acts 17:11... "searched scriptures daily to see if it was truth..."
 Psa 1... "meditates on it day and night... whatever he does prospers..."
 Phil 4:4-9... "do what you have learned, received, heard, seen in me..."
- f. bible is foundation... study builds off that foundation... prayer makes that foundation real... give praise... get direction... grow...
 Jer 30:19... "joy and songs of thanks... I will multiply, honor them..."
 Col 3:16-17... "whatever you do, word or deed... give thanks to God..."
 Col 4:2... "devote yourselves to prayer... with a thankful heart..."
 Psa 25:4-5... "show me right path... point out road... lead by truth..."
 Psa 119:105... "your word is a lamp for my feet... light for path..."
 Eph 5:20-17... "give thanks in all... understand what God wants..."
 Luke 8:14-15... "seed on good soil... hear word... produce a crop..."
 John 15:7... "remain in Me... ask what you desire... bear much fruit..."
 2Pet 3:18... "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus..."
- g. personal prayers are *thank you*... need to *ask* for others (unbelief)... Jesus constantly talking to His Dad... essential to our lives too...
 Rom 8:17-32... "co-heirs... freely given all things..."
 1Cor 2:10-16... "HS helps us understand what has been freely given..."
 1Thess 5:17-18... "pray constantly... give thanks in everything..."
 Col 1:9... "not stopped praying... keep asking God to give you..."

**The Bible is an armory of heavenly weapons... a laboratory of infallible medicines...
 a mine of exhaustless wealth. It is a guidebook for every road...
 a chart for every sea... a medicine for every malady... and a balm for every
 wound. Rob us of our Bible and our sky has lost its sun.**

Thomas Guthrie

- h. foundation for AL is eternal life thru belief in Jesus... stands on truth of Bible... study of it... getting to know One who wrote it... pray...