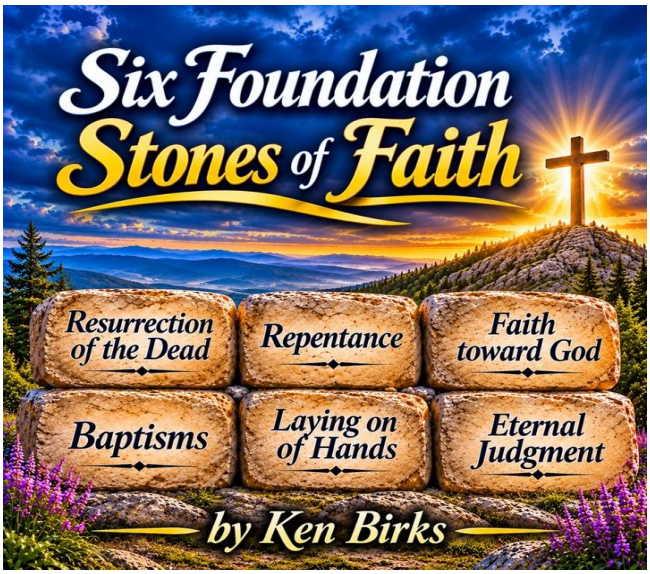
Six Foundation Stones of Faith



We are living in an hour when the winds of deception are sweeping across the earth with unprecedented force. False doctrines, counterfeit revelations, and imitation moves of God are multiplying on every side. One of Satan's greatest strategies in this season is not open opposition, but subtle deception. He tirelessly disguises error as truth, darkness as light, and compromise as revelation. He knows that if he can persuade believers to take even a single bite of his deceptive fruit, he can gain access to their hearts, cloud their discernment, and gradually lead them away from the purposes of God.

Now is the time to dig into God's Word by building a strong Word foundation as we near the close of this age before the second coming of Christ. It is only through God's word that we can be thoroughly equipped for all that must take place before Jesus returns.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Laying the Foundations Stones of Faith

As we turn to God's Word to discover what it takes to build a strong and enduring spiritual foundation, we find clear instruction in the book of Hebrews. In chapters five and six, the writer issues a sobering challenge to believers: move beyond spiritual infancy and press on to maturity. Too many Christians remain content with the milk of God's Word when they have been called to feast on its meat.

Hebrews 5:12-14 declares: *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to*

those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

The author then lays out the foundational truths that must be firmly established in every believer's life before true spiritual growth can occur: He says, *"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits."*[1]

In essence, before God grants us a spiritual building permit to construct the house He desires to build out of our lives, the foundation stones must be carefully laid, one by one. No wise builder begins with the roof or the walls. The foundation must come first. A structure is only as strong as the foundation upon which it rests.

The apostle Peter echoes this truth when he declares: ***"Coming to Him as to a living stone,*** *rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,* ***you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house****, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*[2]

Before we can become a spiritual house that glorifies God in every way, every foundation stone must be firmly set according to God's divine blueprint. It is a blueprint you will not find in traditions, opinions, personal experiences, or popular teachings. It is found in the unchanging truth of God's Word. As we saw in our opening Scripture, all Scripture is inspired by God and provides the instruction, correction, and training necessary for a life that builds according to God's pattern of righteousness.

The Apostle Paul reinforces this principle in his letter to the Corinthians. Reminding them of his responsibility as a spiritual architect, he writes: "*According to the grace of God which was given to me,* ***as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation,*** *and another builds on it.* ***But let each one take heed how he builds on it.*** *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*[3]

Paul's warning is as relevant today as it was when he first penned those words. It is not enough that we are building; we must build correctly, otherwise our works will

[1] Hebrews 6:1-3
[2] 1 Peter 2:5
[3] 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

be burned, although we will be saved through fire.[4] We must build upon the proper foundation, using the materials prescribed by God and not the inventions of men. As we return to the foundational teachings outlined in Hebrews chapter six, we discover six essential foundation stones that must be laid carefully and deliberately before the spiritual house God intends for us can be built. These are not optional doctrines for the mature believer. They are the foundational building blocks upon which every successful Christian life must stand. Stone by stone, course by course, God establishes a foundation capable of supporting a life that will endure every storm and fulfill His eternal purpose.

Six Foundational Stones that Must be a Part of Our Spiritual House.

- **Resurrection of the dead** — the hope that anchors our faith and endurance.
- **Repentance** — turning from dead works and aligning with God's ways.
- **Faith toward God** — trusting His Word above culture, emotion, or opinion.
- **Baptisms** — understanding the spiritual realities that mark our new life.
- **Laying on of hands** — impartation, commissioning, and spiritual authority.
- **Eternal judgment** — the sobering reality that shapes holy living.

As we carefully apply these six foundational stones to the house we are building, God grants us the spiritual building permit required to move forward into maturity. *"And this we will do if God permits."*[5] Only when these foundations are firmly in place will we be able to withstand the storms that are already upon us. Only then will we discern the times instead of being overtaken by them. Only then will we rightly divide the Word of Truth, speaking it with clarity, courage, and conviction.

The Foundational Stone of Resurrection of the Dead

The foundational stone of the Resurrection of the dead is the cornerstone by which every stone must be fitted and framed into. It is the hope that anchors our faith and endurance, no matter what storms we may face. It represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead as the Chief Cornerstone. Our salvation experience is based on our belief that Jesus rose from the dead after being dead for three days and nights. He was seen by more than 500 people as He ascended into heaven after ministering to His disciples and others for 40 days.[6]

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[4] 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
[5] Hebrews 6:3
[6] 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

It is only as we believe with a full heart of assurance that Jesus rose from the dead that we are saved from our sins and and given a life filled with hope and promise that enables us to stand against anything Satan throws at us. Paul establishes this foundational stone when he declares to the Roman believers, *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*[7]

The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead is not only a promise of a future resurrection for believers; it is also the source of our present hope. Because Jesus Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection, we have the assurance of eternal life in Him. It is an assurance that empowers us to live with confidence and courage, knowing that no suffering, opposition, or hardship can ultimately defeat us when we are covered by His righteousness and given the eternal hope of being with Jesus in His heavenly home.

The Foundational Stone of Repentance

Once we come to the place where we believe in Jesus Christ and His resurrection, repentance becomes the next foundational stone we must put in place. It is important to keep in mind though; repentance begins with the renewing of our mind. Our thoughts need to come into alignment with Gods thoughts and ways that are much higher than ours.[8]

Once again, Paul spells it out very clearly in his letter to the Romans when he declares to them, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world,* ***but be transformed by the renewing of your mind****, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

Biblical repentance is more than feeling sorrow for sin. It is a deliberate change of mind and heart that causes a person to turn from sin, rebellion, and dead works and turn toward God with a willingness to obey Him. Genuine repentance produces the fruit of a changed life. This captures the biblical meaning of the Greek

[7] Romans 10:9-11
[8] Isaiah 55:8-9

word *"metanoia,"* which involves a change of mind that affects the whole person and ultimately changes behavior.

The Foundation Stone of Faith Toward God

As we look to the Book of Hebrews once again, we see why our faith in God becomes a major foundational stone in the house Jesus is building out of our lives. The passage reads, *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."*[9]

As Romans 10:17 and Hebrews 11:6 remind us, God reveals Himself from faith to faith to those who diligently seek Him.[10] He first makes Himself known through His Word, where His love, faithfulness, wisdom, and power come alive in our hearts. As we walk from faith to faith, He reveals His presence through answered prayers, His peace in the midst of life's storms, and His provision for needs we cannot meet on our own. He also speaks through the encouragement of fellow believers, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and even the beauty of creation that points to His majesty.[11]

Looking back, we often see His hand directing our steps through every circumstance, using victories and challenges to strengthen our faith and deepen our trust. With every step of obedience, we experience His faithfulness firsthand. As we seek Him wholeheartedly, our joy grows, our purpose becomes clearer, and we discover that God is not only real, but truly *"a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* All of this produces a faith towards God that is undeniable and gives us the faith and courage to continually press forward no matter what is happening in our world or the trials and tribulations we experience in this life.

The Foundation Stone of Baptisms

Hebrews 6 uses the word *baptisms*, which speaks of water baptism, Holy Spirit baptism, and baptism into the body of Christ. All three are essential to spiritual maturity. In water baptism, we identify with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and the power of sin is broken in our lives. When Peter proclaimed, *"Repent, and*

[9] Hebrews11:6
[10] Romans 10:17
[11] Romans 1:20

be baptized...for the remission of sins," [12] he used the Greek word *"aphesis,"* meaning forgiveness and liberation. Paul echoes this truth in Romans 6, declaring that we are no longer slaves to sin. The Red Sea crossing foreshadowed this reality: After being delivered the blood of their sacrificial lambs by applying the blood to their doorposts, Israel passed through the Red Sea on dry land and was delivered from their Egyptian slavery and free to serve God.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is also an integral part of our baptisms. This is what gives us the power not only to live a Christian life but anoints us with gifts of the Holy Spirit to carry out our ministries and purposes in the body of Christ. When Jesus told His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem, He said, *"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."*[13] *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*[14]

The Bible also speaks of being baptized into the body of Christ: *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."*[15] This is an essential foundational stone because every believer is joined not only to Christ, but also to His people. God never intended the Christian life to be lived in isolation. Through this spiritual union, we receive encouragement, accountability, instruction, and opportunities to serve one another. Being baptized into the body of Christ reminds us that we are part of something greater than ourselves. Each believer has a unique place and purpose, and spiritual growth flourishes as every member contributes to the health of the whole body. This connection guards us from independence and spiritual deception while teaching us humility, love, and unity. As we remain connected to Christ and His body, we are strengthened, equipped, and matured in our faith.

The Foundational Stone of Laying on of Hands

The foundational stone of Laying on of Hands is for the purpose of blessing, impartation, healing, commissioning, and spiritual authority. Throughout the Old and New Testaments there are many instances of laying on or hands, but no specific teaching on the subject. However, we can derive the meaning by looking at the purpose that was involved when these occurrences happened. The writer of the

[12] Acts 2:38
[13] Luke 24:48
[14] Acts 1:8
[15] 1 Corinthians 12:13-14

book of Hebrews found it important enough to include in the foundational principles to build upon. [16]

As we look at the many examples of laying on of hands, we discover a common thread woven through each account: **authority is being transferred, recognized, or released.** The laying on of hands is far more than human touch; it is a prophetic act declaring that what God has placed within one person is being imparted, authorized, or activated in another according to His divine purpose.

Knowing that the laying on of hands is consistently connected to blessing, impartation, spiritual authority, and divine commissioning gives us confidence to walk in faith and obedience, following the biblical examples of those who have gone before us. We see this clearly when Jacob laid his hands upon Joseph's sons, imparting the covenant blessing and spiritual inheritance that had been entrusted to him.[17] We see it again when Moses laid hands upon the Levites, setting them apart for service in the tabernacle, establishing a pattern that continued throughout the Old Testament. [18] In the New Testament, Jesus extended this principle to all believers when He commissioned them to minister in His name, declaring, *"They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." [19]*

As we follow this biblical thread, we discover that the laying on of hands is more than a symbolic act. It is a God-ordained means of recognizing, affirming, and releasing spiritual authority for ministry. Whether imparting blessing, commissioning servants, or praying for healing, Scripture reveals a divine transfer of grace and anointing through obedient faith. Paul reminds us in Ephesians that every believer is called to participate in the work of ministry.[20] Therefore, when we pray for one another, we should do so with confidence, believing that God's anointing and power are at work through us according to His will.[21]

We also see the laying on of hands used to establish and send leaders into their God-given assignments. Paul and Barnabas were commissioned by the leaders at Antioch.[22] The deacons in Jerusalem were ordained through prayer and the laying on of hands.[23] Timothy likewise received recognition and activation into ministry

[16] Hebrews 6:1-2
[17] Genesis 48:14
[18] Numbers 8:10
[19] Mark 16:18
[20] Ephesians. 4:13
[21] 1 John 2:20,27
[22] Acts 13:1-3
[23] Acts 6:6

through the same biblical pattern.[24] In every case, God worked through spiritual authority that was recognized, tested, and affirmed within the covenant community of believers.

The foundational truth of *"Laying on of Hands"* reveals a timely and prophetic message for the Church today. God has never intended His servants to function independently of spiritual oversight and accountability. Throughout Scripture, authority flowed through relationship, submission, testing, and commissioning. Yet in an age dominated by social media platforms and digital influence, many have assumed titles such as apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, and evangelist without ever being submitted to spiritual authority, proven in character, or publicly commissioned by the body of Christ. This departure from biblical order has opened the door for confusion, deception, and the rise of false ministers who operate without accountability.

The Spirit is calling the Church back to God's pattern. True authority is not self-appointed; it is God-given, recognized, and affirmed within the Body of Christ. Before individuals are sent, they must first be submitted. Before they are entrusted with authority, they must be proven faithful. The Church's strength in this hour will not be found in personalities, platforms, or titles, but in a return to biblical order, spiritual integrity, and leaders who walk under authority before exercising authority. When the Church embraces this pattern once again, the power, purity, and prophetic witness of Christ will be restored in greater measure.

The Foundational Stone of Eternal Judgment

The gospel is not only the good news of what we are saved unto, but also the good news of what we are saved from. Scripture presents both the promise of eternal life and the reality of eternal judgment. Jesus, moved by love and compassion for lost humanity, spoke more clearly about hell and eternity than anyone else. In His solemn warning, *He declared that it is better to lose a hand, foot, or eye than to be cast into everlasting fire.*[25] His words reveal the immeasurable value of every soul and the urgent need for repentance, reminding us that eternity is not merely a doctrine to be studied but a certainty every person will one day face.

[24] 1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6
[25] Matthew 18:8-9

The foundational stone of eternal judgment calls believers to embrace the full message of the gospel, both the goodness and the severity of God.[26] The same Savior who offers forgiveness and eternal life also warns of the consequences of rejecting His grace. As darkness increases and the birth pains of the last days intensify, the realities of heaven and judgment should produce both hope and holy urgency within the Church. The promise of eternal glory strengthens our perseverance, while the certainty of eternal judgment compels us to pursue holiness and boldly proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ, the One who alone holds the words of eternal life.

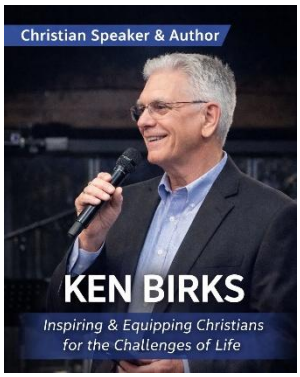
Conclusion: Building for the Days Ahead

The six foundational stones of faith are far more than elementary doctrines to be acknowledged. They are the divine blueprint God has given for constructing a life that can withstand deception, endure persecution, and remain steadfast until the return of Jesus Christ. Each stone serves a vital purpose. The resurrection of the dead anchors us in hope, repentance aligns us with God's ways, faith toward God teaches us to trust Him completely, baptisms establish our identity and empowerment in Christ, the laying on of hands connects us to biblical authority and impartation, and eternal judgment keeps eternity before our eyes and holiness in our hearts. Together, these truths form a foundation that is strong enough to support everything God desires to build within us.

As the world moves deeper into uncertainty and the spirit of deception grows stronger, the necessity of a solid foundation becomes increasingly clear. The days ahead will not be navigated successfully through human wisdom, religious tradition, emotional experiences, or popular opinions. They will require men and women whose lives are firmly established upon the unchanging Word of God. May we therefore give ourselves diligently to laying these foundational stones with care and conviction, allowing the Holy Spirit to establish them deeply within our hearts. Then, when the storms come and the winds blow, our spiritual house will remain standing. More importantly, we will be prepared to fulfill our calling, shine as lights in a darkened world, and faithfully welcome the return of our King, Jesus Christ.

[26] Romans 11:21-22

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