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### Introduction

A wise man once said that the Bible isn't hard to understand - *it is hard to believe*. We recommend that when you approach the Bible you humble your heart and mind and come to the word of God believing it. Each time an individual approaches the BOOK they should gather their theology and filter it through the words of the Holy Scriptures which are able to make one wise. After all, God's ways are not our ways, neither His thoughts our thoughts ().

These preparations in the heart of any man will yield much instruction, correction and wisdom regardless of age, education or experience. In all things theological we ought to let God be true but every man a liar. AMEN!

Nothing in this thesis is original except the organization of logical thought. This logical thought comes as a result of 49 years of Bible study and teaching. I try to exercise myself in accord with the method stated in the above paragraph every time I come to the Bible, and I have found this method to be most profitable. I have changed my theology many times but never have I found God's theology in need of any change. There is a beautiful and practical logic in God's theology that makes perfect sense so long as my theology is not an admixture. There is a spiritual peace that is rewarded when you surrender your theology to the simple principles and precepts found in His perfect Word. Someone once said, "A perfect Bible produces perfect Christians and an imperfect Bible..." well you can guess the rest.

### **Psa 11:3 - If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?**



This is true both in the construction world as well as the theological realm.

The verse above asks a very important question and provides a very simple illustration. Everyone knows that you cannot just build upon an unstable foundation. Even if you are not a construction person you can easily understand the principle here. No one wants to buy or sleep in a house where the foundation has been seriously damaged. It simply cannot be trusted.

Some Christians choose to use the adjective "fundamentalist" to describe themselves. Although I understand what they want to convey, in these days of rampant heretical foundations with grotesque superstructural theologies built on top of them, there seems to be a real need to examine those fundamental foundational building blocks. If we do not do so, then the structure we build will take on a similar monstrous appearance. We may also consider that bad doctrine and wrong theology can produce a voluntary spiritual vertigo that warps the mind and heart in such a way as to cause the person holding these views to lack discernment as to whether or not his superstructure is standing straight. And if this vertigo persists long enough the most grotesque looking structure will begin to appear normal. I heard the story of a man drinking in a bar who suddenly jumped up and started out the door. When asked why he was leaving he replied "If I have one more drink these bar-maids will start

looking good."

This thesis is a **basic** teaching on the bare necessity of a solid foundation upon which sound doctrine can take the correct, God-glorifying shape. You might want to stand back and look at your superstructure to see if it is leaning a bit or if it is just off by some small degree or even if the weather vein is a large question mark... You might want to check further into the foundation rather than continue to paint the same ole *leans-to-the-left*.

**Isa 28:16 - Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.**

The following basic theological building blocks which make for a sure foundation are not necessarily in order of importance. Just as the stones of the construction of a building would not need to be laid in any certain order but rather to be laid straight, in perfect form and on level ground, so this thesis does not emphasize the order of these basic doctrines but rather the quality and positioning of them.



DESTROYED GRAND BAY CHURCH, September 2017

### **THE PERFECT FINAL AUTHORITY**

Psa 12:6-7 - The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

### ***RELAX AND JUST KEEP READING...***

This is not another book on proving the King James Bible is the perfect Word of God. Much better men than myself have gone beyond exhausting that subject. I do believe however, that God's Word was preserved perfectly in the King James Bible. My purpose in writing is to show from a practical standpoint that if this foundation block has a chip or a crack in it or is not laid perfectly square and level from the very beginning of anybody's personal theology, that the superstructure will surely reveal it.

There may be exceptions to what I'm about to say but I have not yet found one. I don't believe you can teach false doctrine without correcting the King James Bible or taking something out of context. For many years and in several different places on earth I have posed the challenge to any false doctrine teacher to come to my church or Bible Institute and present their false doctrine uninterrupted for one hour. The only stipulation is that they can ONLY use the King James Bible.

I have posed this challenge many times and had many politely refuse, and on a few occasions some actually accepted. I had a Free Methodist in Northern Ireland accept the challenge to come and teach on "*how a Christian could lose their salvation*". He had *a month* to prepare and when the time came he talked for 45 minutes on the virtues of Joseph Arminius and right at the end he acknowledged that I had asked him to teach on "*how a Christian could lose their salvation*" but he apologized and said that he did not have time to prepare. I also had a Calvinist attempt to convert us but he was forced to correct the KJV with "*the Greek*" in order to prove his point.

In Romania I had two Mormon missionaries come and try to foist their foolish falsehood on our Bible institute but they were caught referring to the commentary notes in their KJV with an added commentary by Joseph Smith.

I asked the Mormons after all was finished, "Now that you know exactly what we believe, what would I gain by converting to Mormonism?" Their ONLY answer was "You get another book"!! It is hard to believe they could give that answer and not see the pathetic humor involved. I have even entered an ad in the local paper here in the Philippines with this challenge posed to all the cults and false doctrines taught in this city and listed them in bold print by name... but alas no takers. If any of them ever posed a similar challenge to me I would only ask how many hours they wanted me to teach.

How could you ever hope to have the truth... if you don't have the truth? I have had my share of classroom time on original languages, manuscript evidence and advanced theology and it only served to strengthen my confidence in the perfect final authority of the King James Bible. Many young preachers and teachers fail to get this foundation block settled firmly into position before they start building their theology and ministry and thus the superstructure is tilted. Another consideration is the peer pressure factor. Many Bible colleges, preacher's camps, fellowships and even mission boards bear so much behind-the-scenes pressure to fall in line with **the standard line** and coerce their colleagues not to buck the system, that many just do not possess the courage to swim upstream.

Early in my ministry I was loosely associated with a major Bible educational bastion which advertised and attracted students by making a statement which included their adherence and their loyalty to the King James Bible. The pastor's messages would convince you that he was a loyalist to the Word of God and you would never imagine that he would change one jot or tittle. But if the Greek professor detected that you were leaning toward believing the King James was perfect, he would all but require you to check in your Bible at the door of his class and pick up his choice perversion upon leaving. He would audibly laugh at any student who even hinted at the King James being the absolute, perfectly-preserved Word of God. Rare is the student who can withstand such intimidation as this and so many a young man's foundation for future ministries was laid with the cornerstone askew from the start.

What would be the motive behind a preacher or teacher who reverts back to the original languages in order to correct the King James? When anyone troubles themselves to study the qualifications of the translators of the King James - such as their gift of languages, superiority of intellect and education, and their levels of spirituality - in today's deteriorating culture with its rapidly

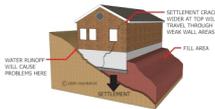
declining education and intellect, could they not be humble enough to see themselves far inferior to such a crew as that? Any honest researcher would not so much as stifle an attempt at correcting these geniuses whom the good Lord put His stamp of approval upon. Add to this the total fallacy of a preacher who has had little to no training in the Greek language taking a Strongs Concordance and finding a slightly different synonym for a word that he either prefers or that makes his theological superstructure look fancier, proceeds to trash the infinitely superior King James translator's choice. Why is this fallacy so prevalent? The answer is wrapped colorfully around pride, power, and Nicolaitanism.

Many lay this foundational block rather carelessly or in the mud and thus it is not as secure as it needs to be. They may use terminology such as "I believe the King James is the *'best'* translation" or "it's just a translation and everybody knows a translation cannot be perfect". If these views reflect your theology on this subject then you have laid the first block in a very shaky position and the superstructure of your theology will reflect this for the rest of your life and ministry if you don't get it fixed. Most would NEVER reflect this instability in any other doctrine whether it be the virgin birth, resurrection, second coming or salvation by grace through faith. You would be ashamed of your own theology if you did this... why not go back and secure that important cornerstone?

This block is the foundation of the foundation, the start to the finish, beginning to the end and the sure foundation to a square superstructure. Don't bother to mark out a wall or to design a ministry or to try and see if the lights will work in the attic of your theological superstructure until this block is steadfast, grounded and secure.

## CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

Luke 16:31 - And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.



Genesis 1:1 is one of the largest and most important of the foundation stones. When I teach Genesis I will spend 20+ lessons before I approach Gen. 1:2. If you don't believe Gen. 1:1, or rather, if you don't believe the first four words of Gen. 1:1 then you will have trouble believing all other contrary-to-*"science"* verses in the Bible. If you believe "In the beginning **BANG**" your foundation is seriously cracked and unsound. Whatever theological superstructure you build on top of that shaky foundation will be grotesque and out of balance.

It has been my experience in the ministry that if a person makes a private, personal decision to believe Genesis 1:1 then they have no problem believing any other portion of the Bible. This is the most important decision that any spiritual person can make. You must settle this early in your spiritual life so that it can serve as a cornerstone in your sure foundation.

Creation is the first revelation of the Lord Himself to His subjects. When any

child is born, the primary way the good Lord reveals himself to that soul is through creation. If a child were left without any other spiritual influence, Creation would identify with their soul and reveal every intricate detail of God. This revelation is only fogged and eventually blinded by the various wiles of the “*god of this world*” (II Cor. 4:4) using his multiple shades such as impure religion, science falsely so called, and the warping of the natural intellect via education. The arms of the weak are twisted and distorted by political peer pressure and their theological superstructure will reflect all of this.

A simple but very revealing test can be posed to any academic to expose their spiritual substructure. Ask the question, "Do you believe that God made everything you see (excluding anything man-made) in six twenty-four hour periods"? Their answer will disclose the sum of their spiritual life and future. We may easily assess that any "fudging" on this yes-or-no question is, in reality a "No".

There are many infinitely more qualified Christians who will argue evolution versus creation much better than I am but there is one argument that is my favorite because of the simplicity involved:

ONE human cell... just ONE cell, invisible to the naked eye is so vastly complex that no one has ever exhausted its total function and yet each part is interdependent. Thus the question to be posed to the evolutionist is, "Which component evolved first and how did it survive until its interdependent cousin component evolved?"

The rejection of this, the earliest of revelations, is the first stepping stone on the journey down, down, down the Romans chapter one road. All will travel some length on this road unless they repent and receive the revelation of their Creator.

We can use the object lesson of a lamp with a rheostat switch. We can even make application to this unspiritual journey by learning the dictionary definition of the word rheostat - "an electrical instrument used to control a current by varying the resistance." The traveler's speed on this descending road is in direct proportion to their resistance to the natural revelation of their God of creation. The further down one travels on this lonesome, but well-travelled road the darker it becomes. I say lonesome but at the same time it is very crowded. Many will keep you company and even hasten you on your journey to a quick and certain dead end, but you will never enjoy the company of your Creator.

The reprobation along this road results neither in God's ability nor willingness to rescue, save, restore and set the traveler on the solid rock. Rather, it reflects the commuter's own collection of darker and darker shades along the way into the deeper and deeper abyss of self-imposed reprobation. As he continues, the light and revelation of the Lord becomes continually dimmer - to the great delight of the reprobate - to the place where he can be comfortable, and no longer retain God in their knowledge.

Within this subject we will experience open, ongoing and never ending war between the religion of Scientism vs. Bible believing Christianity. There can be no compromise here; no plea bargaining, no surrender with conditions and

no stalemate. There is no room for "Theistic Evolution" or time gaps to accommodate the geologic ages. There is no museum in heaven for a fossil collection and there is no salvation for the cave man. "**Let God be true but every man a liar**" (Rom. 3:4?). One of these contenders will lose and one will win. In this end-of-the-fourth-quarter period the final Judge is standing in the end zone cheering those who truly believe "**In the beginning God...**".

A couple years ago I was asked to come and present the truth of creation to a group of about a hundred high schoolers here in the Philippines. It was a voluntary attendance class so I made the opening statement that if the teacher

had announced that a real, sure-enough "Scientist" would be teaching this class there would have been nearly every kid in the school in attendance.

That *magic title* automatically usurps superiority over the lowly title of Preacher, Pastor or Bible College professor.

Any form of the word "Science" is really *magic*. If you want to sell a product just include "Scientifically proven" or "Scientists have shown..." or "Scientists agree...". The product is sure to sell because P.T. Barnum once said "*there's a sucker born every minute*".



## **RIGHTLY DIVIDING THAT AUTHORITY**

1 Cor. 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:  
2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Joseph Smith Jr. made his own translation which he claimed to be inspired. The *Holy Scriptures* were perverted and changed – added to and subtracted from as it suited Joe. His failure to rightly divide the Word of God supported the topsy-turvy superstructure of the Morman church. His private interpretation reflected this error..."*Holy Scriptures*" by Joseph Smith Jr. :

Gen 8:11 "*And it came to pass that **Noah** continued his preaching unto the people, saying, Hearken and give heed unto my words. Believe, and repent of your sins, and be baptized in the name of **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**, even as our fathers did, and ye shall receive the **Holy Ghost**, that ye may have all things made manifest;*"

This is the ultimate in confusion and displays a most grotesque super structure in the Morman church... because Joe had a warped foundation.

Joe believed folks in the Old Testament looked forward to Jesus Christ. Huh, I know many Baptists who believe the same. Joe believed that if you got baptized and joined his church you were OK... huh, I know many fundamentalists who believe like that. Maybe Joe went a bit further than some of the brethren would go but they are all a generation without a sure

foundation and all of their ministry superstructure is a bit out of kilter.

If you care to confound a Mormon then ask him why he doesn't use Joe's "Holy Scriptures" as his Bible since the website of the LDS church approves it. THEY HAVE NO ANSWER and most of them have never even read it.

God gave Adam a skin that covered his sin.

God told Noah to build an ark to the saving of his household.

God said Abraham simply believed what God said about his procreation and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

God told Moses to bring a lamb of the first year, put your hands on the lamb's head and confess your sins...shed it's blood...burn it on the altar...and believe that the good and merciful God has forgiven you and made atonement for you until this time next year (Heb. 10:3).

Through Daniel God told Nebuchadnezzar to break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility. This was an exception to the rule of the animal sacrifice which had to be made at the temple...but there was no temple at that time.

Before Jesus instituted the gospel many believed in His name when they saw the miracles which He did. God told us through Paul that Jesus Christ died once for all sin. Through John He tells us that our sins have been taken away if you simply repent of your sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He added a fringe benefit for His bride that all whose sin has been once and forever taken away has received the gift of the Holy Spirit Who shall never leave you nor forsake you. Oh, yeah, you are also sealed until the day of redemption, seated together in heaven with Christ Jesus, circumcised by a spiritual operation of God and have access to the blessed hope of the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A person who gets *saved* or *establishes a relationship* with his Creator anytime between Genesis and Revelation by simply doing what God tells him to do to be saved.

There was not one person in the Bible who was looking forward to God providing eternal salvation by His own incarnation, death on a cross, burial and resurrection. The great apostle Peter nearly on top of the gospel enactment argued with Jesus about allowing that to occur. Simeon and Anna were looking for salvation in the child Jesus for the whole nation of Israel and the Gentiles who would believe (just like the Queen of Sheba), but they were not looking to Jesus to get pure from their sins and go to heaven when they die. Nobody else in either Testament has what the bride of Christ has through the simple process of believing the gospel.

If you lay this foundation stone straight and square, and then approach the scriptures that *seem* to say something else, all will fall into place and the superstructure will be square and sound.

The good Lord made promises to the Jews that were never intended for the Gentiles. He deals with the church of God in a manner that can never be applied to the Gentiles. The superstructures that ignore these boundaries

build the most monstrous ministries on top of these unsure foundations.

## **SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION**

**Col 2:9-13 - For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:**

**Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

**1 John 3:9 - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

Spiritual Circumcision is a foundation stone that when set well, steadies walls and strengthens roof ties. It pulls several other theological conundrums together and strengthens the relationships between them. Once understood, it tends to add confidence to those who teach doctrines which are often buffeted by biblically ignorant builders of theological monstrosities.

I have found that most Christians even though they may read their Bible have not the least understanding of "spiritual circumcision". These cannot comprehend the worth of such a valuable doctrinal foundation. I have had Bible college graduates hear the mention of it in preaching and ask me what I'm talking about. This Bible doctrine if put to proper use will solve a multitude of New Testament problems and also fortify some other doctrines.

One of several applications of the doctrine that we are created in the image of God is the fact that we are a trinity. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:23 the order of spiritual importance is listed as "**spirit, soul and body**". Nearly every Bible adolescent reverses this order and places the foremost importance upon the flesh. Nevertheless, we are a creation of three distinct parts. Hebrews 4:12 even states that the soul and spirit can be separated. I agree with Paul when he said, I have an earnest desire to be separated from my flesh and to be with Christ which is far better. Unless my flesh is glorified at the rapture.

Spiritual circumcision is a spiritual operation where the great physician separates the soul and spirit from the flesh. Think of the flesh as a terminal cancer that is infecting the purity of the soul. This surgery is performed at the moment of salvation and results in the sealing (Eph. 4:30, Eph. 1:13, 1Pet. 1:4) of the soul and spirit to prevent the infection from the flesh. The flesh will die but the soul will live forever and although the soul remains inside the flesh it is not affected or infected by the deadly disease of sin which is killing the flesh.

**Col. 2:12 - Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.**

**Col. 2:13 - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

Water baptism is a re-enactment of this spiritual circumcision so that others may see and understand what happened to you when you got saved. The

"you" in verse 13 is the true-and-real you which, having been separated from the filthy flesh and sealed by the Holy Spirit of God, is incapable of sinning and is preserved "In Christ". Thus...

**1Jn 3:9 - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

That part of you which is saved, your soul and spirit, can never sin again. But that part of you that is not saved and in the process of dying as a result of sin will continue to sin as long as you fail to control it. The flesh is hopelessly and fatally and terminally condemned by sin and will pay the final price. This is what Paul was lamenting about in Romans 7:17, 20.

Think, how else could you possibly explain 1 Jn. 3:9 apart from spiritual circumcision? The attempt would result in a lopsided theological exposition.

## **ETERNAL SECURITY**

**Heb 10:10 - By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

**Heb 10:11 - And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:**

**Heb 10:12 - But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

My brother's personal salvation testimony simplifies the arguments on eternal security. He was saved as a young man while serving in the U.S. Army. He knew virtually nothing about theology but he did what the Lord told him to do to be saved. Being a new-born Christian and his flesh being in a very worldly environment it wasn't long until he "*lost it*". So, he promptly got saved again.

As we can all understand this cycle occurred many times until he logically concluded that although salvation was great, there was no way that he could stay saved. He told the Lord of this conclusion. The gracious Lord led him to a church where he heard for the very first time the simple Bible teaching on eternal security. As he listened, he came to a happy new conclusion. This doctrine of eternal security has to be the right way because nothing else works... it makes perfect sense and since then he has never had a another problem with it for years.

Failure to understand and accept eternal security is a result of another foundational block not being set right... of not rightly dividing the word of truth. In construction if one block is out of kilter the one on top or underneath or even to the side will always be affected... first two or three and then the superstructure is either grotesque or else soon and quickly altered in such a subtle manner so as not to be detected... but it soon becomes very obvious.

If you go to the OT to get your plan of NT salvation or if you add in admixture from the OT to the finished work of Christ, you have cracked the foundation. If you try to build upon that foundation you must make alterations all along the way as you build up. You will then read the NT with the cracked foundation of the OT and thus adapt and pervert NT salvation to accommodate your cracked theological foundation. Can you understand how this makes for a crazy house?

OT salvation was temporary from the very beginning. Hebrews 10:3 says that

the OT sacrifices simply forgave sin and had to be made once a year. If the person seeking a relationship with the Lord brought the proper sacrifice in the proper way, to the proper place, and at the proper time, then he was given a one year reprieve.

The "sure mercies of David" was an exception to the rule of *no eternal security in the OT*.

The foundation block of NT eternal security by the finished work of Christ (Heb. 10:10-12) is a block that does not fit into the OT theological foundation. If a block doesn't fit it will affect the block above, below and beside. No one was "looking forward to the cross" not even Peter who was nearby within hours of the crucifixion.

An interesting fact to be considered in this discussion here is the fact that although the description of death by crucifixion is there, there is no mention of the cross... why? Because death by crucifixion was unknown to the world until 100 years before Jesus died on the cross. The Romans established this form of capital punishment when they rose to world power. How could someone be saved by looking forward to the cross when no one knew of any such thing till 100 BC? Also, if they were looking toward the cross for salvation in OT times, why did no one ever preach that and why did the disciples not know it even after "*the cross*"?

OT folk were looking for the kingdom but not the final sacrifice for their sins. They wanted a crown without the cross.

Christian leaders who teach that you can lose your salvation cannot fully understand nor can they appreciate what the good Lord has accomplished on the cross. I have enjoyed the peace that accompanies eternal security for so long now that I just shake my head when I try to delve into the foolishness that any person who has fully trusted in the Lord's perfect offering to pay for all their sin as a free gift, could ever be in jeopardy of losing it. When I teach this subject, I use an outline I entitled called "***Six reasons why you cannot lose your salvation***". In hopes of helping someone to build solidly upon this foundation I will go through this outline:

## **SIX REASONS WHY YOU CANNOT LOSE YOUR SALVATION**

- You are born of God - Jn. 3:3, 1Jn. 3:2, Rom. 8:14-17
  - Nothing that is "born of God" can ever become "unborn of God".
  - Not everyone is born of God. Jn. 8:44; In fact, the majority are not. Mt. 7:13-14
  - A father and son can be at odds so much with each other that they even disown each other and change their names and wills but they cannot change the relationship of father and son.
- You become part of His body - 1Cor. 12:13-27, Rom. 8:38,39 Eph. 5:30
  - If this is not part of your doctrinal foundation then you can become really crazy and imagine that member can willingly disjoin itself from the body... this makes for a super crazy doctrinal house.
- You are spiritually circumcised - Col. 1:2-13
  - This is explained in elaborate detail above in #4.

- You are sealed by the Holy Spirit - Eph. 4:30, 1Cor. 14:25, Jn. 14:17, 1Cor. 3:16, 6:19  
 --The perfect illustration of this is when some of our mothers would can fruit or vegetables the old-fashioned way. When fruit was in the jars and the jars in the pan of boiling water the heat was eliminated and a seal/lid was applied to the top of the jar. As the water and jars cooled down, there would form a vacuum in the jar and seal the contents. Once this was accomplished, you could take these jars of fruit out and roll them in a mud hole and yet never affect the contents. Once we have been spiritually circumcised and our souls are sealed, then there cannot be any effect from the outside environment upon the sealed contents. WE ARE SEALED... HALELLUJAH!!!
- You are saved and kept by grace - Eph. 2:8-9, 2Tim. 1:12, Phil. 1:6, Jn. 10:28, 17:11-12, 1Pet. 1:5  
 --You didn't deserve it and you can't keep it. Imagine a young child is given a coin as a gift. This child, not appreciating the gift or the coin, begins to play with it and drops it several times near an open floor heating vent. The giver knows the coin won't last long without being lost so he tells the child, "This coin is your coin and it always will be but I am going to keep it for you." He then takes the coin and puts it in a safe place and assures the child that it is still his coin and anytime he wants it or needs it he can have it but in the meantime it is safe.
- You are bought with a price - 1Cor. 6:20, Acts 20:28  
 --The good Lord paid 5 quarts of pure blood to redeem you. If He ever, for any reason put you up for sale and was unwilling to take a loss, then who would be worthy enough to buy you? Who would have five quarts of pure, sinless blood?  
 --A little boy made a toy boat and was sailing in the pond when his mom called him to dinner. He dropped the attached string and ran home. The current took his boat downstream. Another little boy found it and claimed "Finders keeper, losers' weepers". The next day in school the finder was showing off his new boat. The maker argued that he had made that boat but lost it when his mom called. The finder required that if the maker really wanted his boat then he should buy it. The maker brought the required price and reclaimed his boat. He said, "Little boat, you are mine twice. I made you and now I have bought you." The Lord considers us to be His twice since he made us and then bought us.

## DISPENSATIONAL SALVATION

**John 1:29 - The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

God told Adam not to eat the forbidden fruit and after he disobeyed, God offered him a free sheepskin for a temporary covering. God told Noah to build an ark to the saving of his household. God told Abraham to look at the stars and believe his posterity would equal the number in the sky. God told Moses to keep the commandments and bring a lamb which would temporarily "atone" for his sin. God told Nebuchadnezzar to break off his sins and give to the poor. God told those in Christ's time to believe in His name (Jn. 2:23, 3:16). God told Peters' audience to be baptized after they believed. God told Paul's converts to simply believe (Acts 16:31). How could all these different methods of obtaining a relationship with God all be reconciled by some

looking forward to the cross and some looking back?

Here is something to ponder on the question of dispensational salvation. Job, from the Old Testament perspective argued that there was no "daysman".

**Job 9:32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.**

**Job 9:33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.**

Now, if there was no daysman, or defense attorney, or advocate:

**1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

Then to argue your case before the Lord would be futile. How could there be equality of salvation between the Old Testament and the New? Praise the Lord for the office of "Jesus Christ, Attorney at Law" in the great court of the righteousness of the Lord!

We have a jail that is just a mile from my home here in the Philippines, which incarcerates 2,800 prisoners in a very limited area. We minister there every Thursday. Some of these men have been held here for several years in poor conditions. Believe it or not they have not yet been to trial. Many do not have an advocate so they are being held here waiting for their day in court.

When the righteous saint died right with faith in God in the Old Testament he could not yet go to heaven because he had not yet been to his trial and did not have any daysman (advocate, attorney, lawyer) to help him. Those OT saints were being held in Abraham's bosom until their day in court with their advocate. When Jesus died on the cross He first descended into the lower parts of the earth and led "captivity captive". These OT saints did not have any way to have their sins taken away so they could go to heaven. They were being held in their temporary home until their daysman could plead His case on their behalf. After His resurrection many bodies of the saints arose. Read carefully the following scriptures. Eph. 4, Mt. 27:50-52, and Heb. 10:3-4.

## **FUTURE OF THE JEW**

**Rom 11:8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.**

This foundational block must be laid side-by-side with the "Rightly Dividing" block. This is one of the most important building blocks to the Lord. He fully intends to keep His unconditional covenant promise to Abraham whether any religion, government, civic group, antisemitic political entity or Bible college believes this or not.

I am a Larkin's Dispensational Truth fan. There are a few things which I have a different view on, but the main thing that calls for my loyalty to Larkin is his insistence that the Jews must return to their homeland before the Lord fulfills His second advent. Clarence Larkin wrote this bold conclusion in the early 1920's when nearly every Bible commentary author had long since given up on the Lord ever keeping His covenant with Abraham. This body of

weak, compromising "theologians" caved to the mass of "popular reality" of the times that it was simply ridiculous to consider that Israel would ever regain their national sovereignty and be recognized by the communities and nations in the world. Personally, I am very glad that the Lord does not revise His eternal Words to accommodate a changing world.

What a time to live. Within my lifetime not only has Israel become a sovereign, recognized nation but Jerusalem has become the capitol. I visited Jerusalem within a week of the ancient city being restored as the capitol and I was honored to observe a graduation ceremony for the Israeli Defense Forces. I watched as each graduate shook hands with the general and was given an Uzzi machine gun along with a Bible (Old Testament, of course). This was just the added equipment for the already loyal, dedicated, zealous die-for-your-country spirit that was inside each graduate. If I were opposed to the existence of the nation of Israel, I believe I would keep my opinions to myself.

No New Testament Christian would want to mess with the promise of Jesus Christ in Hebrews 13:5 where Jesus Christ eternally promises never to leave us nor forsake us. This promise is ever so precious to the Bible believing Christian. We trust in this with all of our hearts, so why would we deny God's eternal, unconditional promise to Abraham and to his seed to give them the land that He promised them and to restore the kingdom He gave to David and to his seed. To misalign this foundation stone will seriously affect anyone's theological superstructure.

Rest assured that the seed of David and of Abraham will sit on His throne in the exact place that Solomon and Abraham were directed to. He will build His Millennial temple right where the dome of the rock has stood for all this time in perversion of many prophecies. The Lord Jesus will rule with a rod of Iron and David will rule all Israel directly under him in the fulfillment of many prophecies. Israel will be the number one nation of all the world... goodbye to the United Nations, hello to the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

There, without question remains many serious trials for the Jews and their nation. Many of these may even have caused the modern day "guessers" or, excuse me "prophets" to shake, rattle and roll but He did say "In a day when ye think not..." I have been in the ministry long enough to watch the guessers come and go and this will happen even more as the day approaches. Most of them push all their chips to the center of the table based upon May 14, 1948 when Israel "became a nation" in the eyes of the world. This was a very interesting event indeed but remember that Israel became a nation in the eyes of God when they first left Egypt and I don't recall reading in God's book where they ever ceased to become a nation in all of this time. What would happen to YOUR prophetic theology if Israel, as we know it today suddenly ceased to become a nation? Remember Nassar of Egypt swore to the "Palestinians" that if they left Palestine for just a few days then the combined Moslem nations would run the Jews into the sea? Well, we all know that did not happen... then... but what if it happened in the next 5 years? What would happen to your prophetic theology? I believe it still might happen and then Israel will be restored again both physically, spiritually and nationally just as the Lord promised. Israel today is a totally secular nation and numbered among the United Nations but this is going to change sometime in the near future. Israel has committed every vile transgression against the Lord and the

culmination thereof being in calling for the crucifixion of God's only begotten Son and their Messiah. But don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. God's Word is more important to Him than even His Son - Ps. 138:2 - and HE WILL KEEP HIS WORD BOTH TO YOU AND TO ABRAHAM.

The Jew most definitely has a bright future. The remnant of the Jews will be born again in the day when they finally receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Saviour just like Joseph's brethren finally accepted him in Genesis chapter 45; and just like "Doubting Thomas" did in John 20:28 and in the future, **"Of the increase of His government there shall be no end."**

## KINGDOM OF HEAVEN VS. KINGDOM OF GOD



These TWO stones are set so close together as to cause some folk to think they are the same. But they must be set as individual stones in order for the house to rise straight and secure. Two stones, nearly the same color and with nearly the same name to describe them may confound many a Bible student but they each have their significance and importance just as the other foundation stones have theirs.

The Kingdom of heaven, which is peculiar to the gospel of Matthew refers to the literal, physical kingdom of the Lord on earth whereas the kingdom of God is the spiritual aspect of the kingdom of heaven.

When I flew into the Philippines for the first time, I looked out the window of the plane and saw the large island of Luzon... then Manila Bay including Corregidor Island... then the city of Manila... then the airstrip for the international airport and the surrounding buildings, hangers and Nipa huts. This was the Kingdom of the Philippines. After landing I saw the people and customs officials, airport attendants, taxi drivers, traffic attendants, office workers and finally pastors and church folk. There was a certain spirit that surrounded these people and the operation of their kingdom. I also landed one time in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and believe me there was an entirely different spirit than just being sold gold superiority and oppression. Having been in over 30 countries around the world I can testify that the spirit

of a country is very different than the buildings and land. Buildings and land have design, represent either poverty or wealth, and serve their function in that physical kingdom, but each country has its own spirit; be it fear, oppression, laziness, industry, hate, touristic, disorganization, poverty, wealth, militant, welfare or freedom. This spiritual aspect represents the Kingdom of God, (Rom. 14:17). And this is the spirit that is within the subjects of any kingdom. And this is the Spirit that is within the born-again subjects of the Kingdom of God. Sometimes the spirit of each kingdom is very similar to the physical aspects of each kingdom but they are still not the same. Some similarities match between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God but each of these foundation stones supports its own weight and each has its own importance, and woe be to the student who cannot make a distinction.

## **BAPTISM**

**1Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**

Baptism has been a crookedly laid foundation stone since before Noah heard the first raindrop on the roof of the ark. It has been part of the foundation of every theology – with the exception of hyper-dispensationalism and *their theological house* is crazy because *this stone is missing*. Baptism has been given more significance than it actually deserves by many, many assemblies. When anyone chooses the word "baptism" everyone that hears thinks of "water" but there are several other baptisms in the Bible that are not connected with water.

The etymology of the word simply means to immerse or dip but does not signify "into what". Many on the broad road will be baptized into fire. Old Testament Jews inseparably associated the word with outward cleansing of sacrifices with water. In the case of Naaman (2King. 5) it meant the cleansing from leprosy - but neither of these fixes the word to only one meaning or into one thing. Baptism since the 2nd century AD has been limited to only one interpretation and that is "a religious initiation rite"... thank you Roman Catholic Church. If you take Paul's conversion out of its context it looks like he was baptized in order that his sins might be "washed away" when he actually got that taken care of by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when he "called upon the name of the Lord." Peter preaching to Jews and proselytes instructed those who associated baptism with cleansing and sacrifice to be baptized in the name of Jesus because their sins had been taken away so that they might receive the Holy Ghost. I am sure that all of this happened exactly as the apostle stated it. But this does not mean that we who have been instructed to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" need to follow suit in order that we might be saved. We were sealed by the Holy Spirit the instant that we repented and believed (Acts 20:21). I stand by my earlier statement that a person is saved at any time in scripture by doing what the Lord tells him to do to be saved. Baptism gets you wet... not saved!

Wet... yes very wet since all New Testament baptisms were immersion baptisms. Water baptism is the re-enactment of the invisible action that took place inside the heart of the new believer. Since that decision involved the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as our public association and identification *of that fact*, it follows then that baptism could only be enacted or simulated by full immersion. But, oh how this foundation stone can become a stone of stumbling. I once saw a beautiful painting in a

fancy Episcopal church of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. They were both standing in waste deep water and John was pouring water on Jesus from a cup. Trip, trip, trip... FALL FLAT. I believe that if you form your theology before you read the Bible then your theology will form your view of the Bible as you read it. But if you read your Bible and form your theology as you read... then the Bible will form your theology. Remember that this thesis started out with the first and most important foundation stone... the Words of God.

There are those who have other foundation stones either loose or slipping or laid backwards or else unlevel – such as those who take baptism and associate it with church membership, membership into the bride and body of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all other religious rights associated with these. I have heard many of these “preachers” brag that they “believe God was a Baptist.” I have actually been to a preachers’ fellowship where they stood and sang with great gusto, “I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the BAPTIST...!” I am not kidding.

They claim that John the Baptist was the founder and originator of our “faith”, (as in the denomination) even though John the Baptist died long before the New Testament was established (Heb. 9:16). Of course, that doesn’t matter to them since he was “*looking forward to the cross.*” They claim that since John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ that that made Him a Baptist... so it must have put Him into the local church which is the bride of Christ... This sounds about as confusing as the hillbilly song “I’m my own grampa.”

When you get a couple stones screwed up and you just keep building anyway you can imagine what the house is going to look like. I would not want to sleep in it even for one night. God is not the author of confusion.

Spiritual baptism takes place when a person repents and trusts Christ as his/her Saviour. It is done by the Holy Spirit without the consent or process of the one believing. They consented when they chose to be saved by grace through faith.

Water baptism is the testimony of one who has repented of their sin and put their faith and trust in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the dead; therefore, they are immersed in water to demonstrate that they believe all of this. But it is the *spiritual baptism* that occurs when one believes that puts them into the invisible body of the Lord Jesus Christ and therefore also the bride of Christ. *Water baptism* only makes you a member of a church if it is *written in the constitution* of that local church, but water baptism is only a picture, and not a placement into Christ’s spiritual body.

On the flip side of this foundation stone of baptism I have known people who are just as saved as I am who put no value on baptism and are of full age both chronologically and spiritually and have no interest or motivation to get baptized. I think those people have devalued an important ordinance of the Lord and will answer for this offence at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

## **LITERAL, EMMINENT SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our

Saviour Jesus Christ;

**Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

**Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.**

If other mis-placed or mis-laid stones can be stumbling stones, this foundation stone is a bright and shining precious stone... a smiling, rejoicing, stone of vibrancy. This is the stone of the blessed hope which the world can never enjoy. While the world vainly hopes in medical science, the finding of another habitable planet, money enough to change the climate of mother earth, cryogenics, one GOOD politician (the antichrist), the lottery or an air-sealed, comfortable coffin, Christians are looking for their Upper-taker. We study about this hope, we debate it, we dissect all the parts of it, we preach and teach it, we sing about it, we look for it, and some even try to date it, while others live daily with uplifting anticipation of the literal, imminent second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This *hope-stone* is a most distinguishing feature of a Bible believing Christian. It separates him from the world, dead religions, worthless politics and entertainment, worry over the future of this planet, concern over temporal troubles and trivial matters. It lifts up the hopeful Christian out of this boring life and sets his affections on things above. It puts a song in your heart and a spring in your step even if you cannot sing or walk.

Even if some other stones are set crooked in one's theology, if this one lies firm it will support the entire structure until the Upper-taker comes and lovingly takes us into His courtroom to straighten out all of these other matters.

Conversely, if all other stones are exact in their positioning and this stone be off just a bit you may be theologically orthodox and academically accurate but your joy will be leaky and even flat. Make sure this stone shines bright so you can see properly to reset some of the others.

**"Even so come Lord Jesus."**