

**Laying The Foundation  
Through Repentance To Faith  
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**I. Introduction**

- A. Laying the foundation
  - 1. Confrontation
  - 2. Revelation
  - 3. Acknowledgment
  - 4. Confession
- B. To build on a foundation, you must *hear* and *do*
  - 1. The Bible—the written Word
  - 2. Jesus—the living Word
- C. Authority and power of God’s Word
  - 1. Proceeds from *Author*, Holy Spirit
  - 2. Through the written and spoken Word
- D. You cannot love God more than you love His Word

**II. The Doctrinal Foundation**

- A. Six foundation doctrines (Heb. 6:1–3)
  - 1. Repentance from dead works
  - 2. Faith toward God
  - 3. Doctrine of baptisms
  - 4. Laying on of hands
  - 5. Resurrection of the dead
  - 6. Eternal judgment
- B. *First*, lay the foundation; *then* go on to build upon it

**III. Repentance From Dead Works**

- A. Dead works
  - 1. All things *not* done out of faith or obedience
  - 2. Not necessarily sin
- B. Repentance:
  - 1. Greek: To change your mind (*a decision*)
  - 2. Hebrew: To turn back, return (*an action*)
  - 3. Faith comes *after* repentance
- C. Perfect example: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:17–20)
  - 1. He came to himself—a moment of truth
  - 2. He made a decision—changed his mind
  - 3. He turned around—acted it out
- D. False repentance: *Remorse*
  - 1. Judas Iscariot: Remorseful but no change or repentance (Matt. 27:3–5)
  - 2. You can *pass* the place of repentance
  - 3. Esau despised his birthright (Heb. 12:14–17)

**IV. Repentance Preceded By Faith**

- A. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1–3)
- B. Jesus
  - 1. Mark 1:14–15
  - 2. Luke 24:46–47

- C. Peter (Acts 2:37–38)
- D. Paul
  - 1. *All men everywhere* (Acts 17:30)
  - 2. Acts 20:20–21
- E. Universal rebellion requires universal repentance (Is. 53:6)

## V. Repentance Originates With God

- A. God starts the turning process
  - 1. Psalm 80:3, 7, 19
  - 2. Lamentations 5:21
- B. One alternative to repentance: *perish* (Luke 13:1–5)

## VI. Faith

- A. Comes from, relates to, God's Word (Rom. 10:17)  
Faith comes *only* through the Word of God
- B. Hebrews 11:1
  - 1. Faith is a substance
  - 2. On that substance is built hope
- C. Definitions:
  - 1. *Faith*: A *present* substance in the *heart* (Rom. 10:10)
  - 2. *Hope*: A *future* expectation in the *mind* (1 Thess. 5:8). *Be an optimist*
- D. Faith relates to the *unseen*
  - 1. The unseen reality is the Word of God (Heb. 11:3)
  - 2. Faith and sight are exclusive of each other (2 Cor. 5:7)
  - 3. Believe *first*, then *see* (John 11:39–40)
- E. Faith is primarily character
  - 1. Faithfulness or loyalty expresses this best
  - 2. Continuing with Jesus (Luke 22:28), i.e. *commitment*
  - 3. Faith is a commitment to a *person* (2 Tim. 1:12)
- F. Faith is secondarily doctrine  
It must be confessed (Matt. 10:32–33; Rom. 10:10)
- G. Confession relates us to Jesus as High Priest
  - 1. Hebrews 3:1
  - 2. Hebrews 4:14
  - 3. Hebrews 10:21–23
- H. Faith will be tested
  - 1. James 1:2–4
  - 2. 1 Peter 1:6–7
  - 3. We have *two* options:
    - a. To side with our senses *against* Scripture
    - b. To side with Scripture *against* our senses
    - c. Pattern of Abraham (Rom. 4:16–22)
- I. Faith is the only basis for righteous living
  - 1. Romans 1:17
  - 2. Romans 14:23