

Introduction of ABC

Title: Importance of Foundations

Big Idea: **Right Foundation Enables Spiritual Progress**

Warm Up: What is your memory of your first day in school?

Introduction

Why ABC? For 4 Sundays we will be having a study of the elementary teachings about Christ. We can only progress towards spiritual maturity once the basics of Christianity have been properly laid in our lives.

Some of the examples of structures with poor foundations: (PPT pix)

1. **The Leaning Tower of Pisa** was intended to stand vertically. But the tower began leaning to the southeast soon after the onset of construction in 1173 due to a poorly laid foundation and loose substrate that has allowed the foundation to shift direction.
2. **The Tacoma Narrows Bridge** in Washington, U.S. was built in 1940 but was replaced 10 years later after a wind-induced structural collapse.
3. **Hyatt Hotel in Baguio** collapsed because of weak foundation (pix)

From these 3 examples we can see the folly of weak foundations. As much as it is a reality in building structures, having a strong foundation in a believer's life is also needed.

Message

Hebrews 5:12-14-Hebrews 6:1

*12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. 1 Therefore let us leave the **elementary teachings** about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the **foundation** of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,*

Why are the next 3 weeks important?

Luke 6:47-48

47 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug

down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

Week 2: Faith & Repentance

Week 2: Baptisms & Laying on of Hands

Week 3: Resurrection & Eternal Judgment

Illustration: A hurricane passed by a man's house but it did not destroy it and all the other houses were damaged around it. When asked, he simply said that he followed the building code of that city in order to withstand the storm.

Philippine Daily Inquirer – News Headline October 3, 2009

PAG-ASA tip: Seek refuge in strongest building.

Website:

http://archive.inquirer.net/view.php?db=1&story_id=228110

“Life is like a bicycle, its either you move forward or you fall.”

--Either you progress or digress.

Take Home: Right Foundation Enables Spiritual Progress

Spiritual progress means spiritual formation. Christ-likeness.

Who is this foundation? JESUS CHRIST.

11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

He is our Firm Foundation

–not men, not activities, not ministry, not people, not angels. JESUS.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:19-20

Application Question:

1. Who is your foundation in life?
2. Is Jesus your firm foundation?
3. Is there anything that needs to be fixed in your life?