

# Three Foundations Of The Christian's Life

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***When these three foundations erode, spiritual disaster will come - always.***

**JUDGMENT: every man and woman will answer to their Creator.**

- *To the first man/woman standing, to the very last man/woman standing, there is not one who is righteous before God. All deserve God's judgment, everyone deserves the punishment of Hell.*
- *The fear of God's judgment is a healthy fear, turning the heart towards God and then continuing to guard the heart against sin.*
- *The fear of God and His judgment keeps us grounded, humble, sober and temperate.*
- *The fear of God has one and only one foundation: what is right in God's eyes, never what is right in man's eyes. By human reasoning, man can justify anything, and pretend that he is righteous and good. But at the final judgment, all that matters is what God thinks.*
- *The fear of the Lord transcends all human reasoning, justification, morality and politics.*

Proverbs 15:3 ESV

3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch (*tsaphah - to lean forward*) on the evil and the good.

Psalms 14:2-3 ESV

2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Romans 3:9-18 ESV

9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

13 Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips.

14 Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

17 and the way of peace they have not known."

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Isaiah 64:6-7 ESV

6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7 There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

Hebrews 4:12-13 ESV

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 ESV

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.

Proverbs 16:6 ESV

6 By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

## **REPENTANCE: *we must repent of our sins with godly sorrow.***

- *Worldly grief has a human source and is therefore insincere, fickle, deceitful and corrupt; godly grief has an unmistakable divine source and is impossible for a human to replicate.*
- *The source of godly sorrow and repentance is God's presence, in His Word and by His Spirit.*
- *Worldly grief is self-centered, concerned primarily with consequences; godly grief is God-centered, focused on the offense and betrayal to God's heart.*
- *True repentance turns the dread of God's judgment into unspeakable joy and fellowship with God, in the wonder and amazement of being forgiven by God's mercy.*

Psalm 36:9 ESV

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

1 John 1:7 ESV

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 ESV

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Psalm 51:3-4 ESV

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 ESV

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

## **SURRENDER: we must surrender our will and our lives unconditionally.**

- *Salvation is a free gift that will cost you everything.*
- *Not only must we turn from our sins to obey God, we must also surrender all ownership, rights and control over our lives.*
- *Christ does not come to us as an addendum, enhancement or improvement. He comes as a complete replacement or He doesn't come at all - Lord of all or not Lord at all.*
- *It's a great mystery how in absolute surrender and death to self, the very best of who God created us to be is known and seen.*
- *In sin our very worst is displayed - in Christ, the very best of who God created us to be is displayed.*

Romans 12:1-2 NASB

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Luke 9:23-25 ESV

23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?