

Sermon Title: Christ, The Foundation

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1 Corinthians 3:10-13 — *According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.*

### What is the Church?

The Church is not a \_\_\_\_\_ or an \_\_\_\_\_ made up by man, but rather the universal group of regenerated \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ from every nation and every generation.

- \* "little c" — the church - a building where people worship; a hierarchical organization of clergy
- \* "Big C" — the "called-out ones"; the regenerated \_\_\_\_\_, the Bride of Christ, whom He dearly loves, through whom he expands His \_\_\_\_\_.

### What is the Church but on?

The Church is not built on organizational system, on gifted men, on a social structure, or on your experience — but on a \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_! (1 Cor. 3:10-11)

It was \_\_\_\_\_ who laid Jesus Christ as the Cornerstone of the universal Church! The laying has already been done, eternally in the heavens, but we also have to lay this foundation in the local churches, families, communities and individual lives. (Isaiah 28:16)

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ things have been built on this foundation. (1 Cor. 3:12-13)

We must make sure we are built upon the \_\_\_\_\_

We must be careful \_\_\_\_\_ on this foundation

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Questions for discussion for House Churches, Triads and Devotions

- 1) What has the word "church" meant to you up to this point in your life?
- 2) Why does having a "Biblical Church-view" matter? Has your view of the church changed through understanding these truths? Why is it crucial for a Christian to be connected to local church?
- 3) Would you say that you love the Church the same way that Jesus Christ loves the Church?

*Fill-in answers: building, organization, followers, people of God, kingdom, Person, Jesus Christ, God Almighty, right foundation, how we build*