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## FOUNDATIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

These are the seven things that Pastor Rob Fisk learned that have kept him strong in the ministry over the last 32+ years while many others have fallen by the wayside.

These FOUNDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ YOU in the faith and make you solid in God !

### FOUNDATION 1 is Jesus:

It all rests on what you do with Jesus ...

“Well I believe in Jesus”, you might say...NOT ENOUGH!

James 2:19-21 NKJV

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the \_\_\_\_\_ believe -- and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

If you REALLY want to be born again...if you REALLY want to be alive in God, there is something you have to \_\_\_\_\_ along with believing in Jesus:

Rom 10:9-11 NKJV

9 that if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matt 16:13-18 (NIV)

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and ON THIS ROCK I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

## **FOUNDATION 2 Loving God AND your neighbor and yourself**

Your life is like a fine chandelier that's suspended from the ceiling with only 2 bolts:

Matt 22:36-40 (KJV)

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with \_\_\_\_\_ thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

But Pastor, WHO is my neighbor? I'm glad you asked ☺

Luke 10:29-37 (NIV)

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took \_\_\_\_\_ on him.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took \_\_\_\_\_ of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and \_\_\_\_\_ likewise."

FOUNDATION 2 is obeying the 2 great commandments of the law - Loving God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength, AND loving your neighbor as yourself –

QUESTION IS – are YOU obeying BOTH?

### **FOUNDATION 3 is Knowing Father AND Son AND Holy Spirit:**

MANY Christians that I know ONLY experience JESUS, yet the scripture is PLAIN that our God appears to us in 3 forms:

Father, Son, Holy Spirit – knowing ALL of God makes us STRONG and MATURE 😊

Matt 3:16-17(NIV)

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

FOUNDATION 3 is \_\_\_\_\_ Father AND Son AND Holy Spirit:

Most young Christians know Jesus only and have not learned who the Father is OR the Holy Spirit who is living IN THEM RIGHT NOW.

For example, all you have to do is listen to someone pray to see where they are spiritually...young Christians pray to Jesus. Jesus Himself told us NOT to pray to Him:

John 16:23-24 KJV

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

This is GOOD DOCTRINE 😊

And what about the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said to His disciples that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and that He (the Holy Spirit) would teach you all things:

John 14:16-17 KJV

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

### **Answers**

Page 1 – ESTABLISH, demons, DO, confess, Son

Page 2 – all, pity, care

Page 3 – do, knowing