

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the basis for a Christian's sure foundation?
2. Why is a sure foundation important?
3. How do we transition from the milk of the Word to the meat of the Word?

SUMMARY:

The Apostle Peter writing to Christians reminded them of their new birth in which they were born again, not of mortal seed, but of one that is immortal, namely the Word of God which lives and will last forever. He exhorts them to lay aside sin and crave the Word of God by which they will be nourished spiritually and be enabled to grow. The "Word" is not a cleverly devised fable, but rather a revelation of the power and coming again of Jesus Christ. This Jesus whom the builders rejected has been made the Chief Cornerstone, on whom, if any will trust in and rely upon Him, will never be disappointed or put to shame.

God's Word and His Son constitute a foundation that is sure, immovable, everlasting and will result in an abundant life here and a home in glory beyond this life. [\[SoF:8,10\]](#) May many build upon this foundation.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:1\]](#) We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

December 11, 2016

Fourth Quarter

THE CHRISTIAN'S SURE FOUNDATION

LESSON TEXT: *1 Peter 1:22 through 2:8; 2 Peter 1:15-21*

LESSON SETTING: Written in Rome

TIME: About 64 or 65 A.D.

I. THE ABIDING WORD. 1 Peter 1:22-25; 2 Peter 2:2

- A. Word Purifies [\[SoF:8\]](#) (vs. 22) John 15:3; 17:17
- B. Word is a Seed (vs. 23) Mark 4:14-15
- C. Word Endures (vs. 23) Psalm 119:89; Matthew 5:18; 24:35
- D. Word is Food (vs. 2) Psalm 119:103; Matthew 4:4

II. THE SURE FOUNDATION. 1 Peter 2:3-8

- A. Faith in Christ [\[SoF:7\]](#) (vs. 6) John 1:12; 11:25-26; John 20:31
- B. Christ the Cornerstone (vs. 7) Acts 4:11-12; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:11

III. THE INSPIRED SCRIPTURES. [\[SoF:1\]](#) 2 Peter 1:15-21

- A. Proof of Christ's Authenticity (vs. 15-18)
Matthew 3:16-17; 4:23-24; 17:1-3; Luke 24:39; Acts 1:3
- B. Proof of the Word's Authenticity (vs. 20-21) Acts 3:18; 2 Timothy 3:16

GOLDEN TEXT: *AS NEWBORN BABES, DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD, THAT YE MAY GROW THEREBY.* 1 Peter 2:2

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Judges 13:1-25; 1 Samuel 1:1-28

QUARTERLY THEME: The Early Church

TOPIC: THE BIRTH OF JESUS ANNOUNCED

INTRODUCTION:

Can we imagine placing ourselves in Mary's position and seeing Gabriel, the angel of God standing before us? What an awesome joy that must have been to her to see him and to hear the amazing message he brought to her. How her heart must have thrilled to the stupendous words, "and behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son and shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." (vs. 31, 32)

For years God's people had been looking for the promised King and now Mary receives this message. Having been chosen of God for this great fulfilling of His prophecy certainly must have been very humbling to her.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The virgin birth proves that there is nothing too hard for God.

GOLDEN TEXT: *FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE.* Luke 1:37

The angel had told Mary of two coming events which in the eyes of men were impossible. Mary was a virgin and her cousin Elizabeth had been barren through her youth and was now past the age of child bearing. Yet, according to Gabriel's message from God, Mary was to give birth to the Son of God, while Elizabeth was to bring forth His messenger. Even today, those who are most wise in human understanding find it hard or impossible to believe this announcement of the Gospel.

Those of us who have received God's grace to believe His Word know that all things are possible with God, the Creator of all things.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14)

"Ah Lord God! behold thou has made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." (Jeremiah 32:17)

Have faith in God, what can there be,
For Him too hard to do for thee?
He gave His Son, now all is free;
Have faith, have faith in God!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 12 – 18

- M. Christ's Kingdom Foretold. Isaiah 11:1-10
- T *Jesus' Birth Announced to Mary. Luke 1:26-38
- W. Mary's Song. Luke 1:46-56
- T. Jesus' Birth Announced to Joseph. Matthew 1:18-25
- F. The Birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-7
- S. Jesus' Birth Announced to the Shepherds. Luke 2:8-20
- S. The Child Jesus Protected. Matthew 2:13-23

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