

Sermon Notes - The Foundation of Our Faith Part 2

Topic: The Bible

Scripture Text: Romans 10:13–17

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“Talk unbelief, and you will have unbelief; but talk faith, and you will have faith.
According to the seed sown will be the harvest.”

Ellen G. White

Romans 10:13–17 (NKJV) ¹³ For “*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*”
¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!*” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?”
¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Key words and definition we will use in our series are:

Foundation – 1. the basis or groundwork of anything:

Example: Rock, cement, myths, government type even history.

For us it is “The Word of God” (for God cannot lie, *Titus 1:2*)

Religion - a personal set or institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices

Religious - relating to or manifesting faithful devotion to an acknowledged ultimate reality or deity. Acknowledged does not mean true (example: some people acknowledge the theory of evolution)

Example of a religion: Buddhism, Christianity, Hindu, Islam, Judaism

Denomination - a religious group or organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices, usually including many local churches.

Examples: Baptist, Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, Jehovah Witness, Sikh and many, many others.

Faith (Our belief) - A strong belief (faith) in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof. Confidence or trust in a person or thing: For us the person is God, Jesus Christ and the thing is the words of God and Christ.

Synonyms: acceptance, belief, confidence, conviction, hope

Doctrine - something that is taught as a principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of knowledge or system of belief

I think “faith” is misused and confusing when someone says they are of the Christian faith or of the Jewish faith. More correctly they are member of the Christian religion or of the Jewish religion.

We don't just get faith and then we have all we need. Faith has to constantly keep growing because it will constantly continue to be tested.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NKJV) ³ *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,*

James 1:3–4 (NKJV) ³ *knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.* ⁴ *But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

What makes our “Book”, the Bible, so right and special?

1. The Bible Contains writing inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16)

“Inspired by God does not mean dictated by God”

In Revelation John is told to write what he sees. What he wrote was not dictated to him. (*Revelation 1:19*).

2. The Holy Bible was written by over 40 men under the inspiration of God.

Unlike the Quran and the Book of Mormon which claim to be dictated to just one man.

3. The Bible was written over a 1600 period of history.

Unlike the other book, the writings took place in one person's lifetime.

4. The Bible has proven to be historically accurate

5. The “Holy Bible” contains books with verifiable historical facts.

The Bible is the only ancient, well-organized and authentic framework in which to fit *all* the facts of history.

6. The Bible has proven to be archaeologically accurate

It has been subjected to the minutest scientific textual analysis possible to humanity and has been proven to be authentic in every way.

7. The Bible has survived many hazards

it has been banned and burned, and those who would translate it have been oppressed and killed.

He has preserved His words of teachings, encouragement, advisement, warnings and guidance in the living written Word.

He even allows His words to live within us to have always.

1 John 2:14 (NIV84) ¹⁴ *... I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, ...*

Message Scriptures: **Romans 10:13–17**, *2 Thessalonians 1:3*, *James 1:3–4*, *2 Timothy 3:16*, *Isaiah 55:11*, *1 Peter 1:24–25*, *Hebrews 1:1–2*, *John 14:26*, *1 John 2:14*

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RESOURCE

Top 10 Largest Religions In The World

<http://www.worldstopmost.com/2018/largest-religions-world-fastest-growing/>

Archaeology Proves Bible History Accurate

<https://www.thetrumpet.com/1912-archaeology-proves-bible-history-accurate>

Historical Accuracy

<http://www.icr.org/biblical-record>

The Bible—A Remarkable Story of Survival

<https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/wp20091101/bible-story-of-survival/>