

# 4 Steps to Lay Jesus as the Foundation in Your Life - Notes

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**Notes:** Have you personally encountered Jesus Christ like Peter did? Bible teacher Derek Prince gives you 4 steps to lay Jesus as foundation in your life. Derek Prince explains Jesus' conversation with Peter, with what he draws four successive phases through which Peter passed and through which we should also pass:

- 1. Direct Confrontation** – Jesus Christ is the Door to God's Salvation. There's only one way into the kingdom of God. That is through the door. And the door is not a church it's not a doctrine, it is Jesus Christ. *John 10:1-15* ***"I assure you: Anyone who doesn't enter the sheep pen by the door but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. They will never follow a stranger; instead, they will run away from him, because they don't recognize the voice of strangers."*** Jesus gave them this illustration, but they did not understand what He was telling them. So Jesus said again, ***"I assure you: I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and doesn't own the sheep, leaves them[b] and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches and scatters them. This happens because he is a hired man and doesn't care about the sheep. "I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep."***
- 2. Revelation that Jesus Christ is the Promised Messiah** – Given by God's Pure and Holy Spirit, NOT by our Natural Senses. Revelation is granted by God the Father through His Holy Spirit. Jesus said: Flesh and blood has not shown you this. You cannot arrive at it by your natural senses there has to be a revelation. Again, this is essential. No one can know Jesus as He truly is in His eternal Sonship of God without a personal revelation. You can study theology, you can go to a Bible college, you can even become a minister. But, without this personal revelation of Jesus you cannot know Him. And this revelation comes from God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son. *Matthew 16:13-20* ***When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," He asked them, "who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter***

*answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!” And Jesus responded, “Simon son of Jonah, you are blessed because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, [an individual or specific stone, that is, metaphorically a specific person] and on this rock [refers to a general rocky formation or bedrock, that is, metaphorically a general confession of commitment to Christ] I will build My church, and the forces [or gates] of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven.” And He gave the disciples orders to tell no one that He was the Messiah.*

**3. Acknowledgement or Personal Response** – When you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, then there must be an acknowledgment of what God’s Holy Spirit shows us. We have to say: Yes, I believe, I receive. We must make a definitive response. It’s not automatic. It requires something happening in us. *Romans 10:4-13 For Christ is the end [or goal] of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness that is from the law: The one who does these things will live by them [or obedience to Gods Laws]. But the righteousness that comes from faith speaks like this: Do not say in your heart, “Who will go up to heaven?” [refers to Deuteronomy, saying God did NOT choose Israel because of their RIGHTEOUSNESS, but because other nations were wicked in their evil] that is, to bring Christ down or, “Who will go down into the abyss?” that is, to bring Christ up from the dead. On the contrary, what does it say? The message is near you, in your mouth and in your heart [it is there for us to obey God]. This is the message of faith that we proclaim: If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Now the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on Him will not be put to shame, [Jesus is the promised & precious corner stone of Isaiah 28:16] for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, since the same Lord of all is rich to all who call on Him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved [as promised in Joel 2:32, everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved; as the ones whom Yahweh has called].*

**4. Confession of faith** - Jesus Christ in His characteristic way doesn’t leave you three choices, but only two. You either confess or you deny. And if you fail to confess, in an appropriate situation, you are in effect denying. So, each one of us, at some point, must come to the place where we openly acknowledge our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. ... You don’t have to stand on the street corner and preach. You don’t have to be a preacher. You can be a housewife; you can be a student; but wherever you are let people know, you believe in Jesus - that He is the Son of God {Yahshua = Yahweh’s Salvation}. *Matthew 10:32-33 “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.*