

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:10-15).

In the February 24, 1956, issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, an army expert in psychiatry made the startling statement that one-third the American soldiers taken prisoner in the Korean conflict yielded to brain washing. By this he meant that they became so-called progressives in the communists’ hands or became sympathizers or collaborators with the enemy merely by the enemy’s manipulation to distort the soldiers’ convictions and principles. He further stated that this weakness, in his opinion, was due to a serious weakness in America’s character and to shortcomings in American education. In answer to religious questions, he said that no specific data on religion had been obtained, but the indications were that one who had a strong religious background stood the test far better than one who had “fox-hole” religion.

Some people feel that church membership is a sufficient foundation. This is good but only if Christ is Savior. Church membership has little meaning until one has repented of sin and believed on the Lord Jesus. Then church membership becomes an aid to growth in salvation.

Lives built on superficial foundations are doomed in spite of appearances. Jesus illustrated this in the closing words of the Sermon on the Mount.

One must face the unalterable fact that there is only one real foundation. This foundation is Jesus Christ himself. It is not doctrine, theories, or systems, but Jesus of Nazareth. Myriad people have built on Jesus as the foundation. They have found solace from sorrow, liberation from prison, emancipation from slavery, and salvation from sin.

This foundation is made of the rocks of the sacrifice, suffering, and vicarious death of Jesus. In this suffering and death of Jesus, one finds the expressions of divine love, mercy, and pardon. It is at that point one finds God’s remedy for human sin.

This foundation is not together with the cement of God’s love. This love will never let go in the midst of any kind of storm. It grows stronger and stronger in the face of adversity.

This foundation is made solid in the very person of God. At a certain dinner in London, Dean Stanley asked, “Who will dominate the future?” An answer was given: “The greatest fact in history is God.”

The first and most important structure is personal salvation. Salvation means more than escape from torment. For believers it means saved lives, joyous hearts, devoted service, and resurrected hopes.

The second structure that rests on this foundation is the church. Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build my church.” Christ died for his bride, the church. We are not to take that lightly or neglect it. The church is the apple of Christ’s eye. We are to love and support it.

Satan is busy trying to deceive you about the foundation on which you build your life as well as the kind of life you build. Make sure you are building on the Solid Rock.

We praise You and thank You, Lord Jesus.