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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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Letters of Faith

“Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands...”

2 Timothy 2:19a

Dearly Beloved,

We garner great comfort from reminding each other that **“the firm foundation of God [STILL] stands”** in the midst of the vicissitudes of life all around us! Webster’s Dictionary defines “vicissitudes” as the *unpredictable changes or variations that keep occurring in life, fortune, etc.; shifting circumstances; ups and downs; the difficulty that is likely to occur.* Does this not define our country’s current wrenchings, crises, and continuously pending catastrophes? It most surely describes the apparent change in the overall attitude of American society toward Christianity.

So let’s start this year by refocusing our attention on what our sure and firm foundation really is.

Our true foundation is simply and clearly laid out in the opening words of the Bible: **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**

“In the beginning, God...” That one statement establishes that there is one almighty God who is the beginning and *the* foundation of everything. Note that this is not a theory, or a philosophic position, or an argument. It is a definitive statement that God is the creator of all things because He is the beginning of all things.

This foundation is firm and stands unshaken by the shifting tides of man’s invented belief systems. This one statement from God, by the Holy Spirit through Moses, totally destroys all man-made religious concepts including polytheism (many gods) as found in the early Greek and Roman civilizations, the pseudo-scientific theories of evolution of recent centuries, and the current rage of mixture, atheism, and new age spiritism.

God’s Word to us opens with this declaration, and it is repeated throughout the Holy Scriptures. Our personal favorite definition of our foundation in the New Covenant is Paul’s clear pronouncement about Jesus in Col. 1:15-18. **“He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”**

As never before in many of our lives, our attention is being drawn to the preeminence of the Kingdom of Heaven— **“...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...”**

(Rom. 14:17) Righteousness and Peace? When your house doesn't sell — again? Joy? When your teenager goes off the rails and lands in jail?

Yes, Beloved, God's Word says Kingdom life is Righteousness and Peace and Joy *in the Holy Spirit*. That simply means that it has *nothing* to do with what's going on around you—it has *everything* to do with what's going on inside of you! And it has everything to do with what your foundation really is!

So what *is* going on inside of you? What is your real foundation?

Are you anxious? Then ask God for revelation of Prov. 3:5: **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”** Personally appropriating Words like this is just a specific application of the apostle Paul's prayer for all of us in Eph. 1:15-17: **“For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.”**

Beloved, we all can keep our righteousness, peace, and joy in any and all circumstances if we get a full revelation that we really can lean on Him instead of our own understanding. But that will only come as we receive from Him a fresh spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Him as we walk with Him *in the Holy Spirit*. Don't expect to stay righteous, to be at peace, and to know the joy of the Lord if you are steeping yourself like a fine English tea in the news of the day, the wisdom and traditions of men, or the conflicts of the currently controlling corrupt spirits of the world!

Paul lays out in detail all the hope and the glory and the power that is ours as we appropriate what he prayed for us. **“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”** (Eph. 1:18-23) And God has: **“... raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”** (Eph. 2:6-7) Can you see that receiving Holy Spirit revelation of these truths will make us impregnable to the enemy's attempts to instill in us discouragement, doubt, and disillusionment?

Please don't just skim over these scriptures because they are so very familiar! Read them out loud and slowly. They will penetrate your spiritual DNA when you do, and they will work new strength and fortitude into your spirit being so you will stand in the midst of the whirlwind in the strength of His might! (Ref. Eph. 6:10-13)

No, Beloved, this does not mean that we won't go through the ringer with everyone else! It does mean that while we are being pressed on all sides, we can be at peace and joy-filled, and release the power and authority with which Jesus commissioned us.

Please see that in the very trying circumstances of the days ahead of us all, the Lord Jesus is saying to us in His uniquely tender way, *My precious child, don't fret! Climb up on My lap and receive strength and comfort. Lean against My chest and let your heart learn to beat in cadence with Mine. I am here with you, the ever present I AM, and I will oversee all these problems for My glory. Simply trust Me and obey Me and go about quietly being the warm, steady, joyful light of life in this dark and perverse generation as a beacon for people to follow into eternal life with Me.*

Beloved, we believe that when the Church of Jesus Christ is walking in the simple, basic, and *foundational* truths of who our God really is, and who He is in us, and who we are in Him, we will become the fulfillment of Isa. 60:1-3: **“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”**

We believers are uniquely blessed to know that God is the one true and firm foundation of all things and is our source for everything. Join us in steeping our spirits and our souls in the blessed assurances of our firm foundation as the days of this new year unfold before us: **“... for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?”** (Hebrews 13:5-6 Amplified)

Because **“...the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, ‘The Lord knows those who are His...’”** (continuation of 2 Tim. 2:19)

Hope-filled Hugs for 2013,



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