

## **Scriptural Foundations of Our Faith**

### **Introduction:**

**Heb. 4.12:** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**John 6.68:** But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

**2 Tim. 3.15:** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **(16)** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **(17)** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Pet. 1.20:** And knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **(21)** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**1 Pet. 4.11:** If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.

### **THE ESSENCE OF GOD**

**Rom. 1.20:** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

**Gen. 1.1:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Psa. 33.6:** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. **(7)** He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; he lays up the deep in storehouses. **(8)** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. **(9)** For He spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

**Isa. 45.18:** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other."

**Gen. 1.27:** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Heb. 11.6:** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Rom. 11.22:** Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

### **THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST & HIS WORD**

**John 1.1:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **(2)** He was in the beginning with God. **(3)** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made...**(14)** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Heb. 1.1-4:** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (2) has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; (3) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (4) having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**Col. 1.15:** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. (18) And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. (19) For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell.

**Matt. 24.35:** "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

### **GOD'S DESIRE IN HUMANITY**

**Ecl. 12.13:** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. (14) For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

**Micah 6.8:** He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Matt. 22.35:** Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, (36) "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" (37) Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (40) "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

### **GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN OF REDEMPTION**

**Eph. 3.8:** To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (9) and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; (10) to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, (11) according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

**Gen. 3.14:** So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. (15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

**Gal. 4.4:** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (5) to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

**John 1.29:** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

**John 3.16:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Luke 24.44:** Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

**2 Cor. 5.21:** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Luke 19.10:** "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**1 Pet. 2.21:** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **(22)** "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; **(23)** who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; **(24)** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed.

### **HUMANITY'S NEED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**

**Rom 3:10:** As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one..."

**Rom. 3.23:** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Rom. 6.23:** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matt. 28.18:** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **(19)** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **(20)** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Mark 16.15:** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **(16)** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**John 8.24:** "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

**Luke 13.3:** "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

**Acts 17.30:** Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

**Rom. 10.9:** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **(10)** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Acts 2.36:** "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." **(37)** Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" **(38)** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **(39)** "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." **(40)** And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." **(41)** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

**Acts 8.12:** But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

**Acts 8.32:** The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. (33) In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.” (34) So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” (35) Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. (36) Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” (37) Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” (38) So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. (39) Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

**Acts 18.8:** Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

**Gal. 3.26:** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**1 Pet. 3.20:** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (21) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

### **THE NATURE OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

**Matt. 16.16:** Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (17) Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. (18) And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (19) And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**Matt. 16.28:** “Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

**Rom. 16.16:** Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

**Acts 2.41:** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

**Acts 2.47:** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**Eph. 5.23:** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

**1 Cor. 12.12:** For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. (14) For in fact the body is not one member but many.

**Eph. 4.11:** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **(12)** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

**Acts 20.28:** “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

**Phil. 1.1:** Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

**John 4.23:** “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **(24)** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**Acts 2.42:** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**Acts 20.7:** Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

**1 Cor. 11.23:** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; **(24)** and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." **(25)** In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." **(26)** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

**Col. 3.16:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Eph. 5.19:** speaking to one another in psalms & hymns and spiritual songs, singing & making melody in your heart to the Lord,

**Eph. 6.18:** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

**1 Cor. 16.1:** Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. **(2)** On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

**Heb. 10.24:** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **(25)** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Luke 6.46:** “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?”

### **THE JUDGMENT TO COME**

**Acts 24.24:** And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. **(25)** Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”

**Matt. 7.21:** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **(22)** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your

name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ (23) And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

**John 5.24:** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.” (25) Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. (26) "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, (27) "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. (28) "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice (29) "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

**2 Cor 5.10:** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (11) Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

**1 Thess. 4.13:** But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. (16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**2 Pet. 3.10:** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. (11) Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, (12) looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (13) Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### **Conclusion:**

**James 4.14:** whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

**Acts 2.37:** Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (38) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 19.5:** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 22.16:** “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”