

Foundations 5a Faith Towards God

Hebrews 6:1-3 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

The Lord Jesus said “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.” **John 6:57**

Christianity is a lifestyle of living by the life of Jesus Christ who dwells inside us. Just as the Lord Jesus lived by the life of the Father (who lived inside Him), the believer lives by the life of Jesus Christ. We do this by faith.

“Faith” means much more than mental agreement with known facts. “Faith” in the Lord Jesus Christ means that we “look to,” “rely upon” and “follow” Him. This is how the Lord Jesus walked by faith in His Father. He was always looking to, relying upon and following (obeying) His Father in all things.

Jesus said: “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”

John 14:10

Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 5:19

“I (Jesus) can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” **John 5:30**

“And He (the Father) who sent Me (Jesus) is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” **John 8:29**

In the same way that the Lord Jesus looked to, relied upon and followed His Father, we are to look to, rely upon and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus said: “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **John 15:5**

Jesus Christ lives inside the believer. He is our LIFE

2 Cor. 13:5 Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?

1John 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

Colossians 1:27 Christ in you, the hope of glory

John 6:57 As the living Father sent Me (Jesus), and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory

Philippians 1:21a For to me, to live *is* Christ

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Wisdom of God is to give us Jesus as our Life.

Only the life of Jesus, inside the believer, can abundantly fulfill the righteousness of God.

1 Cor. 1:30 It is because of Him (God) that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— **31** that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.

Jesus has become:

- 1) Our Righteousness – we are declared “not guilty” by faith in Jesus
- 2) Our Sanctification – by relying upon the Lord we are transformed into the likeness of Jesus
- 3) Our Redemption – God completes His work in us; He transforms us body, soul and spirit.

Jesus is our Righteousness - we are justified by faith in Him

Romans 4:5-8 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

*“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall
not
impute sin.”*

Jesus is the One who sanctifies us – He transforms us into the likeness of Jesus Christ

We are transformed by following Jesus and His words. (Acts 26:18)

This is accomplished by His Spirit working inside us (2 Thes. 2:13). As transformation takes place by degrees, so the glory of God also gradually increases in us. Christ Jesus, in us, is our hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). God has promised to sanctify (cleanse and transform) the believer who trusts Him.

1 Thes. 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus Himself is our Redemption -

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Jesus Christ is our very life. Walking with God is a lifestyle where the believer learns to live by the life of Christ inside. We learn to look to Him, rely upon Him and be led by His Spirit in all things. We no longer look to ourselves. We embark on a lifestyle of trusting Him for everything. We trust the Lord Jesus to justify us, to transform us, to guide us, and to keep us from falling. We trust the Lord to finish the good work He has started in us. As we learn to abide (remain) in Christ, by faith, we experience rest for our souls.

“For we who have believed do enter that rest” **Hebrews 4:3**

“Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30