**Driven by Eternity**

**Video 3: The Foundation**

**Acts 4:12 (NLT)** There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

**Romans 1:20** For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

People who think they are going to heaven, but are not are deceived.

Jesus is concerned for the lost in the street, but also for the lost in the church.

**Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)** 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.

Whenever a word is written twice, it is for emphasis and emotion.

**Matthew 7:22 (TEV)** When the Judgment Day comes, many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles!’

1. Believe in the gospel
2. Emotionally invested
3. Speaking God’s messages
4. Involved in ministry

**Matthew 7:23 (NKJV)** And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!

**Knew (Greek – *Ginosko*):** intimate knowledge of

**Acts 20:26-27** I am innocent of the blood of all men.For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

**2 Timothy 3:1 (NLT)** You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.

Paul was: Beaten with rods 3 times

 Scourged with 39 lashes 5 times

 Stoned almost to death

Our day is very difficult because:

**2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)** (There will be people who) will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.

Grace frees us from the penalty of sin, but also frees us from the enslavement of sin.

You can’t have grace if you don’t believe.

You can’t believe if you don’t know.

People need to know that they need God’s power to live godly.

**2 Timothy 2:89, 13 (NLT** They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith… But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.

These are the people that are going to be expecting to get into heaven, but will be denied.

**Matthew 7:20 (NLT)** You can identify people by their actions

**Matthew 7:24, 26 (NKJV)** Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and **does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock… But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and **does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand…

We need a healthy foundation in our lives.

**Isaiah 33:6 (NIV)** He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure

The Fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

**Luke 12:2-5(NLT)** The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. 3Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear! Dear friends, don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. 5But I’ll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he’s the one to fear.

The fear of God keeps us from the place where we start believing the lie that we can hide something from God.

**Ezekiel 8:12 (NLT)** Then the Lord said to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the leaders of Israel are doing with their idols in dark rooms? They are saying, ‘The Lord doesn’t see us; he has deserted our land!’”

Right motivations produce right actions.

You cannot separate the fear of the Lord from the Judgement Seat of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (NKJV)** 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. 11Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men…

**Exodus 20:20 (NKJV)** And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.”

There is a difference between the fear of the Lord and being afraid of the Lord.

Fear of the Lord: will draw you near Him.

Being afraid of God: will drive you from Him.

Fear of the Lord: to be terrified to be away from him.

To love what He loves & to hate what He hates.

The fear of the Lord is to love righteousness and to hate sin.

The fear of the Lord is the key to your prayers being heard.

It means to love and obey god and his word.

**Philippians 2:12 (NKJV)** Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

Confidence at the Judgement seat = love and fear of God.

**Notes**

Definition of terms:

***Christian:*** associated with the culture and religious practices, but carnal, disobedient, and self-seeking – end is destruction

***Disciple:*** A disciplined learner who follows Jesus which entails listening, obeying, loving, fearing, talking, seeking waiting, trusting, etc.

**Philippians 3:17-20** Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

**Discussion Questions**

1. What benefits of following Christ do you think you could be most tempted to pursue above intimacy with Jesus Himself? What might help you keep your heart aligned with the right focus?
2. It’s a sobering thought that a believer can choose to walk away from their faith. Does this conflict with what you’ve believed? Discuss your response in light of this truth: as believers, we seek to respond not with mere fear but with the fear of the Lord.
3. Reflect on the parable of the unmerciful servant, found in Matthew 18:23–35. Why do you think God takes the issue of forgiveness so seriously?
4. In your own words, describe how a skewed focus on the mercy of God—without the influence of holy fear—can lead a believer into deception.
5. Our eternal perspective affects more than just ourselves. We also influence others. What do you think it looks like to communicate the earthly benefits of following God (such as health, success, or fulfillment) without shifting the emphasis away from what matters most?

**Homework**

*Reading:* Ch 8 – The Kingdom of Affabel: The day of Judgement II

 Ch 9 – Heaven

 Ch 10 – The Judgement Seat of Christ