

Sermon Notes for Readers

Title: The Foundation of Christ (Part 2) – Discerning the True from the Counterfeit

Main Bible Verse:

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

— 1 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV)

Key Points:

1. The Foundation Was Hidden from the World’s Systems

When Jesus was born, earthly powers felt threatened. King Herod ordered the killing of all baby boys in Bethlehem, trying to destroy God’s plan before it began. But God’s wisdom prevailed — Jesus was born in a humble manger, hidden from the enemy’s sight.

Application: God’s ways are not the world’s ways. His plans often unfold in humility, not in worldly spotlight.

2. The Enemy’s Counterfeit Plans

The devil repeatedly tried to counterfeit, twist, or destroy Christ’s mission:

- At His birth, through Herod’s decree
- During His ministry, through temptation in the wilderness
- After His resurrection, through lies and deception

Application: Be alert. The enemy still offers counterfeit promises of power, success, and fulfillment to draw us away from God’s purpose.

3. Christ vs. Religion: The Only True Foundation

Other religions represent humanity’s attempt to reach God. But Christianity is God reaching down to us through Jesus. He is the only true foundation for a relationship with God.

Application: Don’t settle for man-made spirituality. Build your life on the revealed truth of Christ.

4. Building Your Life on the Unshakable Foundation

Being “born again” means replacing your old foundation with Jesus. It’s a total shift from relying on worldly systems (government, money, status) to depending fully on Him.

Application: Regularly inspect your foundation. Is Jesus truly the base of your identity, security, and purpose?

5. **Developing Spiritual Sight**

To live effectively on this foundation, you need spiritual vision.

- **Physical eyes** see temporary circumstances.
- **Spiritual eyes** see God's eternal truth behind those circumstances.
Application: Ask the Holy Spirit to give you "X-ray vision" — to see His promises and purposes in every situation.

Prayer Focus:

"Lord, open my spiritual eyes. Help me recognize and reject the world's counterfeits. I choose to build my life on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. Amen."