

## THE FOUNDATION OF THE LORD'S HOUSE

- I. The church is God's house. I Tim 3:15
- II. Every house must have a foundation or it will fall.
- III. The Lord's House is built on the fact that Jesus is God's son. Mt 16:18
- IV. The Lord is the only one that may design the house. Ps 127:1
- V. The Lord's house has a blueprint and it must be followed.
- VI. The Foundation of the House is spoken of in scripture.
  - A. Built on apostles. Eph 2:19-22
  - B. Built on prophets. Eph 2:19-22
  - C. Christ is the chief cornerstone.
    1. Christ holds the structure together.
    2. Christ keeps the structure true and correct.
    3. see I Peter 2:6-7
    4. Christ is a stumbling block to those who disobey.
    5. He is the head of the corner. Acts 4:11
- VII. The apostles played an important role in the church.
  - A. Guided into all truth. Jn 14:26, 16:13
  - B. Received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2
  - C. Took the Gospel into all the world. Mk 16:16
  - D. Their words are law to follow. I Cor 11:1, Gal 1, 2 Thes 2:15
- VIII. The New Testament Prophets also played an important role.
  - A. The prophets were endowed with ability to give forth God's law.
  - B. Prophets were one of the offices given. Eph 4:11-12
- IX. Jesus is the rock of our salvation. I Cor 10:4
- X. Only in building on the rock can we have a strong building.
  - A. Obedience is the key to building on Christ. Mt 7:24
- XI. Christians are lively stones in the spiritual house.
  - A. Believers help to make the house strong. I Pet 2:4-5
  - B. We must all do our part together.
  - C. We must all be active and lively, working for God.

### Conclusion:

The House of God, the Church, is where we find protection and salvation. We, as members, are built on Christ and the teachings of the apostles and prophets. Obedience to their laws are mandatory to remaining in the house. All of us are stones and are built upon the foundation of Christ and the fact that he is the Son of God. Christ the cornerstone keeps the believers true when they align themselves with his teaching.