



LAYING THE RIGHT FOUNDATION

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (LOVETT) *As a skilled architect and master builder, I have by God's grace laid the foundation, but someone else will be putting up the building. Whoever it is, he must be very careful how he builds on this foundation, for this is the only foundation there is. No other foundation can be laid for this building, since the foundation is Jesus Christ Himself.*

Psalms 11:3 (KJV) *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*

The Bible teaches _____ foundational truths every believer is to build their life upon. The wrong foundation will cause us to waiver, get frustrated in our faith, or be confused.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NIV) *Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.*

A spiritual infant is a person who is not familiar with the teaching of _____.

THE MILK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 1:17 (NIV) *In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.*

"Righteousness" simply means _____ with God. It's the ability to enter God's presence with no fear of _____ or _____.

God's arms of love are wide open. God's love changes hearts. Once hearts are changed, _____ change.

Romans 3:20-22 (NIV) *No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

Righteousness is when you feel qualified for God's love, blessings, and promises because of Jesus alone. If you feel you have to earn God's love, blessings, or promises then you need the _____, not solid food.

Proverbs 24:16 (NLT) *They [righteous or godly men] may trip seven times, but each time they will rise again.*

Psalms 37:23-24 (NLT) *The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.*

When you were born, you were born in sin. No good work could make you righteous. Jesus said, "You must be born again" (John 3:3). The New Birth makes you righteous. Likewise, no failure can make you unrighteous.

Evil works can _____ us. Sin can _____ us. But nothing can change the fact that we are now made righteous by God.

Romans 9:30-33 (NIV) *What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone." As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."*

Jesus gives us right standing with God, not _____.