

A SURE FOUNDATION

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"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I have **founded** in Zion, a Stone, a Tried Stone, a Precious Cornerstone, **a Sure Foundation**; he who believes shall not be hurried."" (Isaiah 28:16)

Founded: from the Hebrew word yissa a verb which means: to establish something well, to firmly lay, to found something well, (such as a foundation); (from **yasad**: to set, to establish, to found, to fix-firm something - literally or figuratively).

Sure: from the Hebrew words mussa a verb which means: to found-well, to firmly-place, to lay down well, to make confident or sure, (... in relation to something); from same as above: (**yasad**: to establish, to found, to fix-firm)

Foundation: from the Hebrew word musa a noun which means: a foundation; the lowest load-bearing part of a building. (from **yasad**: to establish, to found, to fix-firm)

Sure Foundation: in context **a Foundation Founded-well**, and founded well with a Costly, Precious, and Tested Cornerstone – **Jesus!**

In context, this title is very much related to the following titles: a Stone, a Rock, a Tried and Tested Stone, a Stone of Stumbling, a Rock of Offense. and a Precious Cornerstone - which is the most similar being a Foundational Cornerstone, Understanding the context of these other Stone & Rock titles, of Jesus, helps to understand the concept of Jesus being a Sure Foundation! Consider these brief summaries of these devotionals:

For Believers:

JESUS is... a Tested Stone! He is a Tried and Proven and Costly Corner Stone! He is the Foundation Stone upon whom the Father builds His Church! His word is the Bedrock upon which we build our spiritual House! (See [Tested Stone](#))

JESUS is... the Rock! He is the Rock of our Salvation, and the Rock of our refuge! Jesus is that spiritual Rock who satisfies our thirst and our hunger forevermore! (See [the Rock](#))

Jesus is... The Chief Cornerstone! He is the Head and Chief Cornerstone. He is the Precious and Valuable Cornerstone! He is a Tried and Proven Stone, a Living Stone Chosen by God! In whom the whole building, the Church, that is all believers in Jesus the Christ, are being fitly framed together and growing into a Holy Temple in the Lord- even the Spiritual Household of God! (See [the Cornerstone](#))

Jesus said, "upon **this Rock (Petra = Bedrock)** I will build My church" – upon the fact that He is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God.' This is a bedrock title that speaks of the Foundational Nature of Christ Jesus in all things pertaining to the Church – the Body of Christ! He is the Rock of Salvation for those who are the Church. His word, His teachings, are the Solid-rock Foundation upon which we build our lives. (see Matthew 16:13-20)

Christ Jesus is in the Father, and the Father is in Christ Jesus (see John 14:10). Thus the Son cannot be separated from the Father in being our Sure Foundation. Consider the following:

"In You, O **LORD**, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape. Incline Your ear unto me, and save me. **Be my Rock of Habitation** (place of refuge), to which I may continually enter; for You have given commandment to save me; **for You are my Rock and my Fortress!!**" (Psalm 71:1-3)

"I will proclaim the Name of **the LORD** (the Father); ascribe Greatness unto our God. **He is the Rock**, His work is perfect; for all His ways are just-judgments; a God of Truth and without iniquity, just and upright is He." (from the song of Moses – Deuteronomy 32:1-4)

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We are the Household of God: His Building, His Temple, His Sanctuary, His Habitation, which is built upon the **Sure Foundation of Jesus Christ**. Consider the following:

"Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the **Household of God**; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone**; in whom all the Building fitly framed together grows into a Holy Temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being **built** together as a Habitation of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:19-22)

"For we are laborers together with God: you are God's field, you are God's Building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let every man take heed how he builds upon it. **For no man can lay-down a foundation other than what is laid, which (or who) is Jesus Christ**. Now if any man builds upon this Foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work remains which he has built upon it (the Foundation), he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are the Temple of God (the Household of God, God's Building); and that the **Spirit of God dwells in you**? If any man defiles the Temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the Temple of God is holy, of which Temple you (we) are!" (1 Corinthians 3:9-17)

For the followers of Jesus, the Words of Jesus: His teachings, commands, and instructions for life and living; these Words are for us also a Sure Foundation, if indeed we follow and obey them. Consider this warning from Jesus:

"And why call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' but do not the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My words, and does (obeys) them, I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man who built a house, and dug deep, **and laid the foundation upon bedrock**; and when the flood arose, the stream beat forcefully upon that house, and could not shake it; **for it was founded upon bedrock**. But he who hears, and obeys not, is like a man who built a house without a foundation, upon the earth (soil or sand); against which the stream did beat forcefully, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." (Luke:6:46-49)

Jesus Himself **is the Bedrock (petra)**, and He is the Sure Foundation which is firmly laid down upon the Bedrock, and He is the Chief Cornerstone of the Sure Foundation upon which the Church is established, and upon which we build our lives. It is as it says: "Christ is Our Life."

For the individual Christian person whose walk in Christ is founded wholly upon all of who Christ Jesus is, and upon all of His Word given to us, this will be the person whose life is built upon the safe and Well-founded Foundation of Christ Jesus. It is as it says: "Christ is Our Life."

For an individual Church whose corporate Body is founded wholly upon all of who Christ Jesus is, and upon all of His Word given to the Church, this will be a Church that is built upon the safe and Well-founded Foundation of Christ Jesus. Again it is as it says: "Christ is Our Life."

"If you then are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is seated on the Right Hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in Glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

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For unbelievers - the truth that Jesus is the very True and **Sure Foundation**, as presented in God's Word, this is either a stumbling block to them, or just plain foolishness in their minds:

JESUS is... a Rock of Offense! He is Christ Crucified: unto the Jews an Offense (a Stumbling Block), and unto the Greeks foolishness. He was a Prophet of God who was without honor in His own Country. (See [Rock of Offense](#))

JESUS is... a Stone of Stumbling! He is a Stone of Stumbling to those who do not receive His words! He is a Stone of Stumbling to those who fear His influence on the people! He is a Stone of Stumbling to those who adhere to the Old Covenant Law! He is a Stone of Stumbling to those who reject Him as the Chief Corner-stone! Although rejected indeed by men, He is the Chosen and Precious Cornerstone of the Father! The Stone who the builders rejected, the same has become the Chief Cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!! (See [Stone of Stumbling](#))

Our opening verse was spoken in the midst of prophetic warning and judgement against Jerusalem. Consider our opening verse In Context:

"Therefore hear the word of the LORD, **you scornful men**, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem. Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.' Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I have **founded** in Zion, a Stone, a Tried Stone, a Precious Cornerstone, a Sure Foundation, he who believes shall not be hurried' " (Isaiah 28:14-17)

Finally consider the following:

"For the preaching of the cross is to those who perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the Power of God. For it is written, '*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.*' (Isaiah 29:14) Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; But **we preach Christ Crucified**, unto the Jews an offense (a stumbling), and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

Jesus is ...

a Sure Foundation

**Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone of the Sure Foundation !
Jesus is the Bedrock upon which the Sure Foundation is laid !**

**Jesus is the Sure Foundation upon which the Church – the Household of God is Built !
His word, His teaching, His commandments are the Sure Foundation...
upon which we build our lives !**

**Jesus, You are the Rock of my Salvation !
Jesus, we are the Temple of God founded upon You !
Jesus, You are my Rock ,and my Fortress, and my Habitation !**

**All Praise, and Honor, and Glory is Yours – Forever and ever !
Always and Always – Amen !!!**