

SEMINAR_01 – LAYING THE FOUNDATION

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

~ 1 Corinthians 3:11

1. Identity Crisis

- a. **Post-truth – Oxford 2016 WordOfYear** - Relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.
- b. Truth is based on objective facts, right?
- c. An identity crisis in our culture and Christianity – “I can be whatever I want to be.”
- d. Christians ought to know better. We know the way, truth, life – his name is Jesus Christ.
- e. There are objective facts that identify Christianity – they are called doctrines.
 - i. Profitable for doctrine - 2 Tim 3:16; Teach no other – 1 Tim 1:3; Faith – Ro 10:17
 - ii. Our identity as Christians are linked to these doctrines of Christ. Fundamentals.

2. Fundamentals

- a. Fundamentals - “in essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity”
- b. Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christianity - 1 Cor 3:11 – according to the mystery.
- c. Christ is fundamental; foundational; essential – unless you are a Christian you are lost.
 - i. A majority of people call themselves Christian and deny fundamentals.
- d. **You can’t be a Christian and deny these doctrines.** - Many think you can.
 - i. Even in grace circles, teachers deny/ignore/neglect to their own destruction
 - ii. Shakespeare – “A rose by any other name...” - but its no pumpkin.
- e. A fundamental is a doctrine required to preach Christ correctly – you can’t preach Christ, the mystery of Christ, the gospel of Christ, or call yourself a true Christian denying these.
 - i. The fundamentalists-modernists had an identity crisis – the baby born from this was the evangelical mindset – believe fundamentals, but do not preach them.
 - ii. JC. Ohair – His goal with mid-Acts was to build upon the funds not depart
 - iii. Our own C.R Stam 1966 – “we designate ourselves as fundamentalists”...not now
- f. Christianity requires the fundamentals. MAD requires, defends, and stands upon them.
 - i. Are we orthodox, are we fundamental, do we stand upon them – Yes. Yes. Yes.

The seminar premise:

The foundation → Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christianity. Our identity as Christians is wrapped up in the fundamental doctrines of Christ. Yet, not Jesus Christ preached any way, but Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery.

Jesus Christ is God – and we see that in every fundamental.

Bible – Fundamental to knowing the Truth

Trinity – Fundamental to knowing the true God. (Col 2:9)

Person of Christ – Fundamental to knowing Christ as God and Saviour.

Salvation – Fundamental to the work of Christ toward men.

Resurrection – Fundamental to knowing the power of Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Judgment – Fundamental to knowing the authority of Christ.

Body of Christ – Fundamental to knowing the ministry of Christ.