

# THE PAULINE FOUNDATION -THE ROOT AND GROUND OF GRACE

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.”  
~ 1 Corinthians 3:10

## 1. Back to the Foundation

a. Last time: 3 “new” things 1) new to you, 2) new to most, 3) new not true

b. You respond to heresies by going back to the foundation – Mt 16:18, 1Co 3:11

[Mat 16:18 KJV] And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

[1Co 3:11 KJV] For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

c. Modernist/Fundamentalist doctrinal debate (20th c.). What is the gospel? (21st c.)

i. Mid-Acts Pauline dispensational built upon Bible believing fundamentals.

ii. O’hair built “up from the foundation to the capstone of Divine truth.”

iii. 3 right divisions: OT not in Gen 1; NT not in Matt 1; Disp. grace not in Acts 2

## 2. ‘Grace to Me’ – Christ to Paul

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b. “given unto me” – Rom 15:15, 1 Cor 9:17, Eph 3:2-3, 3:8, Col 1:25, Titus 1:3

[Rom 15:15 KJV] Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

**[1Co 9:17 KJV] For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation [of the gospel] is committed unto me.  
[Eph 3:2 KJV] If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:**

**[Eph 3:3 KJV] How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,**

**[Eph 3:8 KJV] Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;**

**[Col 1:25 KJV] Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;**

**[Tit 1:3 KJV] But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;**

**c. Grace gospel given to him (“my gospel”) – 1 Tim 1:11-16, Rom 2:16, 16:25, 2Ti 2:8**

**[1Ti 1:11 KJV] According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.**

**[1Ti 1:12 KJV] And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;**

**[1Ti 1:13 KJV] Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did [it] ignorantly in unbelief.**

**[1Ti 1:14 KJV] And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

**[1Ti 1:15 KJV] This [is] a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.**

**[1Ti 1:16 KJV] Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.**

**[Rom 2:16 KJV] In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.**

**[Rom 16:25 KJV] Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,**

**[2Ti 2:8 KJV] Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:**

**d. His special apostleship – Rom 1:5, 11:13, 2 Cor 11:5, 12:11-12**

**[Rom 1:5 KJV] By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:**

**[Rom 11:13 KJV] For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:**

**[2Co 11:5 KJV] For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.**

**e. His foundation not another's – Rom 15:20, Gal 2, Lk 6:46-49, Rev 21:14**

**[Rom 15:20 KJV] Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:**

**[Gal 2:1 KJV] Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with [me] also.**

**[Gal 2:2 KJV] And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.**

**[Gal 2:3 KJV] But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:**

**[Gal 2:4 KJV] And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:**

**[Gal 2:5 KJV] To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.**

**[Gal 2:6 KJV] But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed [to be somewhat] in conference added nothing to me:**

**[Gal 2:7 KJV] But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as [the gospel] of the circumcision [was] unto Peter;**

**[Gal 2:8 KJV] (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)**

**[Gal 2:9 KJV] And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we [should go] unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.**

**[Gal 2:10 KJV] Only [they would] that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.**

**[Gal 2:11 KJV] But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.**

**[Gal 2:12 KJV] For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.**

**[Gal 2:13 KJV] And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.**

**[Gal 2:14 KJV] But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before [them] all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?**

**[Gal 2:15 KJV] We [who are] Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,**

**[Gal 2:16 KJV] Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

**[Gal 2:17 KJV] But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, [is] therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.**

**[Gal 2:18 KJV] For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.**

**[Gal 2:19 KJV] For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.**

**[Gal 2:20 KJV] I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

**[Gal 2:21 KJV] I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**

**[Luk 6:46 KJV] And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**

**[Luk 6:47 KJV] Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:**

**[Luk 6:48 KJV] He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.**

**[Luk 6:49 KJV] But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**

**i. Jesus Christ acc. to prophecy or acc. to mystery**

### **3. Grace Received – Christ in You**

**a. Paul's foundation is the message of the grace of Christ in 1) salvation, and 2) calling**

**b. Grace salvation = grace to all by the cross, freely received through faith.**

**i. The mystery of the gospel - 1Cor 2:2, 15:1-4, Eph 6:19**

**[1Co 2:2 KJV] For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

**[1Co 15:1 KJV] Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;**

**[1Co 15:2 KJV] By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**

**[1Co 15:3 KJV] For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**[1Co 15:4 KJV] And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

**[Eph 6:19 KJV] And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,**

**c. Grace calling = identity/position/standing/baptism freely given by grace (oft ignored)**

**i. The mystery of Christ – the fellowship of the mystery –  
Eph 3:9, Col 2:6-7**

**[Eph 3:9 KJV] And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

**[Col 2:6 KJV] As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him:**

**[Col 2:7 KJV] Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**

**ii. We serve God by grace - Rom 5:1-2, 6:1-4, 6:17-22, Eph 4:1, 5:8, 2Ti 1:9-11**

**iii. Who you are/how to live/walk, motivation to good works – Titus 2:10-14**

#### **4. Grace Giving – Preaching Christ**

**a. Paul’s ministry is also our ministry. 1 Cor 4:1-2, 2 Cor 5:17-21, 6:1-4**

**b. “take heed how he buildeth” = ministry work to give grace to others.**

**c. Giving grace is different than grace received – 2 Cor 9:8, Eph 2:8-10, 4:1, 2 Tim 4:5**

**d. Giving grace requires work: work to give grace NOT to get grace. Phi 1:27-30**

**[Phl 1:27 KJV] Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

**[Phl 1:28 KJV] And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.**

**[Phl 1:29 KJV] For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;**

**[Phl 1:30 KJV] Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear [to be] in me.**

**i. Work done to build, not for salvation or position, but ministry. Eph 4:16**

**[Eph 4:16 KJV] From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

**ii. Grace works out of you = charity – 1 Cor 13:13, 15:10, 2 Cor 4:5**

**[1Co 13:13 KJV] And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity.**

**[1Co 15:10 KJV] But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which [was bestowed] upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

**[2Co 4:5 KJV] For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.**

**iii. Giving grace requires faithfulness to the mystery – 1 Cor 4:2, 1 Tim 3:9**

**[1Co 4:2 KJV] Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

**[1Ti 3:9 KJV] Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.**

**iv. Proof required of a good minister, “do it” - Col 3:23,4:17, 1Ti 4:6, 2Ti 2:15-19**

**[Col 3:23 KJV] And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**

**[Col 4:17 KJV] And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.**

**e. Paul laboured by the grace of God, and so do we - Gal 4:19, Col 1:28-29**

## **Dispensation**

**[1Co 9:17 KJV] For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation [of the gospel] is committed unto me.**

**[Eph 1:10 KJV] That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; [even] in him:**

**[Eph 3:2 KJV] If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:**

**[Col 1:25 KJV] Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;**

## **Rightly Dividing**

**[2Ti 2:15 KJV] Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**