



Note from Derek Prince

In our day a thorough knowledge of God's Word is not a luxury, it is a matter of survival. As the instability and spiritual darkness of our age increases around us, it is critical that we engulf ourselves in the eternal, unchanging Word of God.

Most Christians dream of studying God's Word in a disciplined fashion, but are unsure of where, or even how, to begin. Some make attempts at disciplined study which often end in frustration because they lack direction or motivation. Others may acquire tapes and books containing wonderful teaching which they listen to, or read, then place them in a closet where their contents are forgotten and become ineffectual. As a result – they continue to dream!

Christian Foundations is designed to lead believers at all levels of maturity into a methodical, disciplined study of the Scriptures. For new believers, it offers a thorough and systematic grounding in the vital basic truths of the Christian life. For the more mature, it provides a comprehensive review and equips for the ministry of this truth to others. Thus, it provides a disciplined, systematic study which is not only personally profitable, but excellent for teaching others to share as well.

I trust you will take time to give this course prayerful consideration. The greater your preparation for life with the Word of God, the greater will be the provision you reap from the blessings of His promises.

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Christian Foundations - Bible Correspondence Course

Correspondence study is a rewarding method of individual study.

This course has been designed to:

- Allow you to study at your own pace
- Maintain the discipline and requirements of an enrolled course through the submission of examination papers
- Stimulate you to apply the Scriptures in your own life in a deeper way.
- Provide encouragement and support from course staff.

About the Course

The course is based in Derek Prince's book entitled "Foundations for Life" (previously called "The Foundation Series" and "The Spirit-Filled Believers Handbook"). This book has proved very valuable over the years, being widely used by Pastors and others in establishing new believers on a solid Biblical foundation. The material is also excellent for more mature Christians who wish to review the basics of their faith.

Study Method

Using the most successful learning methods of educational leaders in the business and industry, this course enables you to isolate the essential information, assimilate it and retain it in a simple, systematic fashion. Using active involvement with the material, you will be led through well-designed lessons and review exercises for maximum retention of information in the most efficient manner.

Scripture Study

Knowing and applying the Scriptures is the essential ingredient for a successful Christian life. This course is centred on a systematic study of the foundational truths of Hebrews 6:1-2. A large portion of each lesson is spent reading, memorising and studying the Scriptures themselves.

Memorisation

Making the Word of God a living part of our minds and hearts by memorisation is a secret to successful living known and used by God's greatest servants. Key Scriptures are assigned for memorisation in each lesson. Properly applied, this memorisation will lead to greater personal security in the Lord and ability to lead a more effective Christian life.

Personal Application

Without the life-changing power of the Word of God being applied to every area of your life, study becomes a mere exercise. The course will keep you actively applying the truth that is being learned, leading to maturity and growth as a believer.

Special Assignments

At various points throughout the course, special Bible study assignments are given. These are designed to sharpen Bible study skills and increase your ability to practically search out and apply God's Word, leading to maturity and growth as a believer.

Examinations

There are a total of 14 exams, which may be taken at your own pace. The examinations are tailored to give you feedback and for the course staff to see how well you are understanding the material. We would recommend that you aim to complete the course within 2 years.

Staff Support

One of the aims of the course is to give you support and encouragement. As part of each examination, opportunity is given to ask questions based on the study material. Any questions will be answered when returning your examination paper.

Certificate of Completion

A certificate will be awarded to those who have successfully completed the course.

Testimonies

Here are a few testimonies from people who have already completed the course:

"This course has affirmed my faith in Jesus, it has given me keys to lead an effective Christian life and the confidence to teach others Biblical basics."

"I have been to Bible College, listened to numerous tapes - this course has filled in my missing link. Excellent course, I would recommend it to Christians of any denomination."

"I am a transformed person, my love for the things of God is now unquenchable."

"Understanding the truth and being set free from confusion, knowing the power of the Word can transform lives - especially mine."

Course Curriculum

The course consists of 52 lessons, which can be completed at your own pace. The outline is listed below.

MODULE 1

FOUNDATION FOR FAITH

Lesson 1 The Foundation of the Christian Faith

- Christ the Rock
- Confrontation
- Revelation
- Acknowledgement
- Confession

Lesson 2 How to Build on the Foundation

- The Bible - Foundation of Faith
- Proof of Discipleship
- Test of Love
- Means of Revelation

Lesson 3 The Authority of God's Word

- The Bible - God's Written Word
- Inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Eternal, Authoritative
- Coherent, Complete, All-Sufficient

Lesson 4 Initial Effects of God's Word

- Response Determines Effect
- Faith
- The New Birth
- Spiritual Nourishment

Lesson 5 Physical and Mental Effects of God's Word

- Physical Healing
- Mental Illumination

Lesson 6 **Victorious Effects of God's Word**

- Victory over Sin
- Victory over Satan

Lesson 7 **Purifying Effects of God's Word**

- Cleansing
- Sanctification

Lesson 8 **Revelatory Effects of God's Word**

- Our Mirror
- Our Judge

REPENT AND BELIEVE

Lesson 1 **Repentance**

- Explained from Greek and Hebrew
- The Sinner's First Response to God
- Distinguished from Remorse
- The Only Way to True Faith

Lesson 2 **The Nature of Faith**

- Distinguished from Hope
- Based Solely on God's Word
- Expressed by Confession

Lesson 3 **The Uniqueness of Faith**

- The Basis of all Righteous Living
- Appropriating all of God's Promises

Lesson 4 **Faith for Salvation**

- The Four Basic Facts of the Gospel
- The Simple Act of Appropriation

Lesson 5 **Faith and Works**

- Salvation by Faith Alone
- Living Faith vs. Dead Faith

Lesson 6 **Law and Grace**
- The Law of Moses - One Single Complete System
- Christians are not Under the Law

Lesson 7 **The Purpose of the Law**
- To Reveal Sin
- To Prove Man's Inability to Save Himself
- To Foreshadow Christ
- To Preserve Israel
- Perfectly Fulfilled by Christ

Lesson 8 **The True Righteousness**
- The Two Great Commandments
- Love the Fulfilling of the Law
- The New Testament Pattern of Obedience

MODULE 2

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISMS

Lesson 1 **The Verb 'Baptise'**
- Root Meaning
- Historical Usage
- Four Different Baptisms

Lesson 2 **John's Baptism Compared to Christian Baptism**
- John's Baptism - Repentance and Confession
- Christian Baptism - Fulfilling all Righteousness

Lesson 3 **Conditions for Christian Baptism**
- Repenting
- Believing
- A Good Conscience
- Becoming a Disciple
- Are Infants Eligible?
- Preliminary Instruction

Lesson 4 Spiritual Significance of Christian Baptism

- How God's Grace Operates
- Crucified and Resurrected with Christ
- First Burial, then Resurrection

Lesson 5 The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- Seven New Testament References
- Immersion from Above
- The Outward Evidence

Lesson 6 Receive the Holy Spirit

- The Pattern of the Apostles
- Further Outpourings of the Spirit
- The Teaching of Jesus

Lesson 7 Do All Speak With Tongues?

- The Gift of "Kinds of Tongues"
- Is Fruit the Evidence?

Lesson 8 Emotional and Physical Reactions

- The Place of Emotion
- Physical Reactions
- Three Scriptural Principles

Lesson 9 The Promise of the Spirit

- A Personal Permanent Indwelling
- The Father's Promise
- Heaven's Seal on Christ's Atonement

Lesson 10 How to Receive the Holy Spirit

- By Grace Through Faith
- Six Steps of Faith
 - Repentance and Baptism
 - Thirsting
 - Asking
 - Drinking
 - Yielding

Lesson 11 Old Testament Patterns for New Testament Salvation

- Salvation through the Blood
- A Double Baptism
- Baptism in the Cloud
- Baptism in the Sea
- The Pattern of Salvation
- Spiritual Food and Drink
 - Manna
 - River from the Rock

PURPOSE OF PENTECOST

- Lesson 1 Introduction and Warning**
- The Holy Spirit is not a Dictator
 - Utilising God's Total Provision
 - A New Realm of Spiritual Conflict

- Lesson 2 Power and Glory**
- Power to Witness
 - Glorification of Christ

- Lesson 3 On the Supernatural Plane**
- A Gateway to the Supernatural
 - Spirit-Empowered Prayer
 - Revelation of the Scriptures

- Lesson 4 Continual Guidance and Overflowing Life**
- Daily Guidance
 - Life for the Whole Person

- Lesson 5 Divine Love Outpoured**
- The Nature of God's Love
 - Love is the Greatest

- Lesson 6 Liberty Under Control**
- Under the Spirit's Lordship
 - God Makes Sons, not Slaves
 - Times and Seasons

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| Lesson 7 | Total Participation of the Members - The Lamp on the Lampstand - The Exercise of Spiritual Gifts |
| Lesson 8 | Conviction of Eternal Issues - Sin, Righteousness and Judgement - Wielding the Spirit's Sword |
| Lesson 9 | Supernatural Attestation - With Accompanying Signs - Supernatural Revelation Demands Supernatural Confirmation |

MODULE 3

LAYING ON OF HANDS

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| Lesson 1 | Imparting Blessing, Authority and Healing - Three Old Testament Precedents - Two New Testament Ordinances for Healing - How Healing Comes |
| Lesson 2 | Imparting the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts - Ministering the Holy Spirit - Imparting Spiritual Gifts - Example of Timothy |
| Lesson 3 | Comissioning Ministers - The Local Church at Antioch - Paul and Barnabas Sent Out - Appointing Deacons and Elders |

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Lesson 1

At the End of Time

- Eternity: The Realm of God's Being
- Two Universal Appointments

Lesson 2

Diverging Destinies at Death

- Man's Triune Being
- Man's Spirit Separated from His Body
- The Righteous Separated from the Wicked

Lesson 3

Christ the Pattern and the Proof

- Between Death and Resurrection
- Destiny of the Christian at Death
- Resurrection Reassembles the Original Body

Lesson 4

Resurrection Foretold in the Old Testament

- The Psalms
- Genesis
- Job
- Isaiah
- Daniel
- Hosea
- All Believers Included in Christ's Resurrection

Lesson 5

Christ the Firstfruits

- Three Successive Phases of Resurrection
- Typology of the Firstfruits

Lesson 6

Those Who Are Christ's at His Coming

- Marks of True Believers
- Five Purposes of Christ's Second Coming
- Resurrection and Rapture of True Believers
- Witnesses and Martyrs

- Lesson 7** **Then Comes the End**
- At the Close of the Millennium
 - The Final Resurrection
 - Death and Hades are Persons

- Lesson 8** **With What Body?**
- Analogy of Grain
 - Five Distinct Changes
 - The Unique Importance of the Resurrection

ETERNAL JUDGEMENT

- Lesson 1** **God the Judge of All**
- Judgement Tempered by Mercy
 - The Father - The Son - The Word
 - Four Principles of Judgement by the Word

- Lesson 2** **God's Judgements in History**
- Historical vs. Eternal Judgements
 - Examples of Historical Judgements

- Lesson 3** **The Judgement Seat of Christ**
- Christians will be Judged First
 - Not for Condemnation but for Reward
 - The Test of Fire

- Lesson 4** **The Judgement of Christian Service**
- Assessment of Christian Service
 - Angels Will Eliminate all Hypocrites

- Lesson 5** **Three Final Judgements**
- Tribulation Judgement of Israel
 - Judgement of Gentile Nations
 - The Great White Throne