



# HOPE ANTHEM CHURCH

Firm Foundation - **Acts 20:17-38**

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**Acts 20:17-19 (NLT)** – But when we landed at Miletus, he sent a message to the elders of the church at Ephesus, asking them to come and meet him. When they arrived he declared, “You know that from the day I set foot in the province of Asia until now I have done the Lord’s work humbly and with many tears. I have endured the trials that came to me from the plots of the Jews.”

**1. A firm foundation begins with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 18:20 (NLT)** – *But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

**Mark 10:45 (NLT)** – *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Humility is not \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ but a focus on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. A firm foundation stands on the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Acts 20:20-27*

*'I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus. “And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what awaits me, except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. “And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again. I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it’s not my fault, for I didn’t shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.’*

What “gospel” do you, or have you believed that is not worth dying for?

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*A.W. Tozer - “Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.”*

A firm foundation stands on the entirety of Scripture, even when it \_\_\_\_\_.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.'*

**3. A firm foundation guards against \_\_\_\_\_.**



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Acts 20:28-34

*"So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood —over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you. "And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself. "I have never coveted anyone's silver or gold or fine clothes. You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me. "*

- False teachers are not \_\_\_\_\_.

## False Thoughts

*From Outside* - Thoughts we entertain because they \_\_\_\_\_.

*From Inside* - Thoughts we entertain because they \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 4:1

Colossians 2:8

A firm foundation stands on \_\_\_\_\_ and having \_\_\_\_\_ to stand against anything that \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. A firm foundation is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 20:35-38

*"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " When he had finished speaking, he knelt and prayed with them. They all cried as they embraced and kissed him good-bye. They were sad most of all because he had said that they would never see him again. Then they escorted him down to the ship."*

Philippians 2:3-5

Without a \_\_\_\_\_ there is no real \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ who we \_\_\_\_\_.

"Jesus didn't come primarily to be a good example. He came to be a sacrifice."

- Tim Keller

A firm foundation is not just belief but a \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 6:10

*'In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His boundless might. '*