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# The Resurrections (34)

## The Judgment of Seat of Christ (9)

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

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[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

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### The Doctrine of the Resurrections

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

#### The judgment of the works of the believers (9)

**[3. \(1 Corinthians 3:11\) Jesus Christ, Foundation— Jesus Christ, Deity; Spokesman; Mediator— Church, Foundation: there is the only foundation, Jesus Christ Himself.](#)**

**1 Corinthians 3:11 (NASB)**

**<sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

All other foundations are as *sinking sand*. They cannot stand up against the storms of life. No man—no matter who he is—can lay any other foundation that can last. All other foundations will crumble and be destroyed forever.

What does it mean to say that Christ is the only foundation? Before addressing this question I want to say in parenthesis that there are two, two groups of people that I want to speak to this morning. Notice what I said there are two, two groups of people. The first group are those who are genuinely born again believers and the other are false religious professing Christians. The second group is obedient and disobedient hearers. I want to address the similarities and differences between these groups of people because traditionally the church has these groups of people within its midst. I want to specifically focus on the latter group of false religious professing Christians and disobedient hearers. Let's return to our question; what does it mean to say that Christ is the only foundation?

1. It means that Christ Himself, His person, is the only foundation upon which men can build their lives. ([Matthew 7:24-27](#))

#### **“What are the steps to salvation?”**

**[\(Acts 16:22-34\)](#)**

Many people are looking for “**steps to salvation.**” People like the idea of an instruction manual with five steps that, if followed, will result in salvation. An example of this is **Islam** with its Five Pillars. According to Islam, if the Five Pillars are obeyed, salvation will be granted.

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The Five Pillars of Islam are core beliefs that shape Muslim thought, deed, and society. A Muslim who fulfills the Five Pillars of Islam, remains in the faith of Islam, and sincerely repents of his sins, will make it to Jannah (paradise). If he performs the Five Pillars but does not remain in the faith, he will not be saved.

**1. Shahada**

- A. The Shahada is the Islamic proclamation that “There is no true God except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”
- B. This is the confession that Allah is the one and only true God, that Allah alone is worthy of worship, that Allah alone is the sovereign lord who does what he wills with whoever he wills. It means that all his rules and laws found in the Koran are to be followed. It means that the Christian doctrine of God as a Trinity is false as are all other belief systems including pantheism.
- C. Muhammad is the true and greatest prophet of Allah and recognition of Muhammad as the Prophet of God is required. It was through Muhammad that Allah conveyed the last and final revelation.

**2. Prayer (Salat)**

- A. Prayer involves confession of sins which begins with the purification of the body and ends with the purification of the soul. Prayer is performed five times a day. The first prayer is at dawn and the last at sunset.
- B. The names of the prayers are Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, Isha. The Dhuhr is prayer that is at mid day. The Asr is prayer that is in the afternoon. The Maghrib prayer is the sunset prayer. Isha is the prayer that is said after sunset. There is also a prayer that is said right after Fajr known as Shurooq.

**3. Fasting (Saum)**

- A. The month of Ramadan is the month of fasting in Islam. It is an act of worship where the faithful follower denies his own needs and seeks Allah. Usually, this fasting entails no drinking, eating, or sexual relations during the daylight hours for the entire month of Ramadan.

**4. Alms-giving or charity (Zakat)**

- A. Charity given to the poor. It benefits the poor and it helps the giver by moving him towards more holiness and submission to Allah. Alms-giving is considered a form of worship to God.

**5. Pilgrimage (Hajj)**

- A. This is the pilgrimage to Mecca. All Muslims, if they are able, are to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. It involves financial sacrifice and is an act of worship. Muslims must make the pilgrimage the first half of the last month of the lunar year

Because the idea of a step-by-step process to salvation is appealing, many in the Christian community make the mistake of presenting salvation as a result of a step-by-step process. **Roman Catholicism** has seven sacraments. **Catholicism** has seven sacraments.

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**There are seven Roman Catholic Sacraments, and they are as follows:**

- 1) Baptism, which the Roman Catholic Church teaches removes original sin while infusing it with sanctifying grace.
- 2) Penance, in which one confesses his/her sins to a priest.
- 3) The Eucharist, considered the reception and consumption of the actual body and blood of Christ.
- 4) Confirmation, a formal acceptance into the church along with special anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- 5) Anointing of the sick, performed by a priest using oil, anoints the sick person's forehead and hands with oil; associated not only with bodily healing but with forgiveness of sins. When performed on a dying person it is called Extreme Unction (last rites, final anointing).
- 6) Holy Orders, the process by which men are ordained to clergy.
- 7) Matrimony, which provides special grace to a couple.

Various Christian denominations add baptism, public confession, turning from sin, speaking in tongues, etc., as steps to salvation. But the Bible only presents one step to salvation. When the Philippian jailer asked Paul, **“What must I do to be saved?”** Paul responded, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved”** ([Acts 16:30-31](#)).

**Faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior is the only “step” to salvation.** The message of the Bible is abundantly clear. We have all sinned against God ([Romans 3:23](#)). Because of our sin, we deserve to be eternally separated from God ([Romans 6:23](#)). Because of His love for us ([John 3:16](#)), God took on human form and died in our place, taking the punishment that we deserve ([Romans 5:8](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). God promises forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven to all who receive, by grace through faith, Jesus Christ as Savior ([John 1:12](#); [John 3:16](#); [John 5:24](#); [Acts 16:31](#)).

Salvation is not about certain steps we must follow to earn salvation. Yes, Christians should be baptized. Yes, Christians should publicly confess Christ as Savior. Yes, Christians should turn from sin. Yes, Christians should commit their lives to obeying God. However, these are not steps to salvation. They are results of salvation. Because of our sin, we cannot in any sense earn salvation. We could follow 1000 steps, and it would not be enough. That is why Jesus had to die in our place. We are absolutely incapable of paying our sin debt to God or cleansing ourselves from sin. Only God could accomplish our salvation, and so He did. God Himself completed the **“steps”** and thereby offers salvation to anyone who will receive it from Him.

**4. [\(1 Corinthians 3:12\) Church— Teachers, False: there is the structure: It can be built out of two possible materials: either permanent or perishable materials.](#)**

**1 Corinthians 3:12 (NASB)**

**<sup>12</sup>Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw.**

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There may be only one foundation, and it may be laid by Christ and His apostles, but there are many different kinds of materials within the market of the world. And the believer must choose which material he will use to build his part of the church. It can be built of **two possible materials**: **“It could be the materials that remain or the ones that perish”**.

**1.** There are the permanent and valuable materials, the materials that are not corruptible and do not deteriorate and decay like the things of this earth.

Permanent materials last forever; they are incorruptible and undefiled and do not fade away. Scripture says they can be compared to gold, silver, and precious stones. What are the permanent materials? Scripture describes them in many ways.

**Several examples would be as follows.**

**a.** They are the fruit of the Spirit, the spiritual qualities that last beyond this life. Again, these are the things that the believer is to use in building the church. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))

**b.** They are *the things* which are to be added to our faith. They are the lasting things that are so desperately needed by the church, and they are the things that the believer is to use in building the church. ([2 Peter 1:5-11](#))

**c.** They are the souls and lives of men, women, boys, and girls who become living stones in the church. ([1 Peter 2:4-5](#); [Mark 16:15](#); [Matthew 16:26](#))

**2.** There are the perishable and combustible materials.

They are the materials and things of this earth that are corruptible; that rust, decay, and deteriorate. Scripture says they can be compared to wood, hay, and stubble. What are the perishable materials?

Again, Scripture describes them in many ways.

**a.** They are the treasures, wealth, and cares of this world. ([Matthew 6:19-21](#); [Mark 4:19](#))

**b.** They are the works of the flesh. ([Galatians 5:19-21](#))

**c.** They are the false teachings that are always dangerously floating around believers and the church. ([Matthew 7:15](#); [Matthew 7:22-23](#); [Matthew 15:9](#); [Matthew 15:13](#); [Galatians 4:9](#); [Colossians 2:8](#); [1 Timothy 6:3-5](#); [2 Timothy 2:14-16](#); [2 Peter 2:1-3](#); [1 John 4:1-5](#))