

THE FOUNDATIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

(Video One)

What This Study is About:

- The foundational principles of _____
- The foundational principles of _____ with God and other believers
- The foundational principles of a New Testament _____

Where It All Begins:

- The church is built on the foundation of the _____ and _____ (Eph. 2:19-20).
- Christ has commissioned us by means of the commission first given to his disciples who later became apostles and prophets (Matt. 28:16-19).

It is this commission - *The Great Commission* - that _____ all we do in the church age.

The basic command of the Great Commission is to *make* _____ *of all nations* (Matt. 28:19). The word disciple means _____. This is the appropriate translation as found in the New King James Version. The KJV translates *teach all nations*.

The word *Go* is _____ the point of the command. It is translated as if it was, but it is a participle that modifies the main verb *make disciples*. What is meant is not that everyone should *go*, but that as we are all going about our daily lives we should *make disciples*.

This commission is the commission of the _____ that has been passed down to every believer in every age (Matt. 28:20).

- Making disciples is an ongoing process of learning to follow Christ in all things and includes being _____ and _____ over a period of time (Matt. 28:19-20).
- Before someone can be _____ a disciple they must first _____ a disciple. Becoming a disciple - being saved, receiving Christ, or being born-again – requires a choice of the will. It involves a decision. This is the beginning point of discipleship, but the Great Commission is much broader - to make disciples, not simply to elicit decisions.

The Bible refers to this decision that must be made as _____ or _____ (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8). Faith is the means by which one becomes a disciple.

The content or basis of saving faith is what we call the _____. The word gospel means *good news*. It originally meant any good news, but quickly came to mean the good news of salvation. The gospel message that must be believed includes the _____ of Christ in our place (Rom. 5:8) as payment for our sins (Rom. 3:23; 6:23) and his _____ from the dead (1 Cor. 15:1-8).

It is important to note that true saving faith is not merely intellectual belief in a set of _____, but the actual acceptance of what has been done for us by the acceptance of the _____ of Jesus Christ who died for us as our _____ and _____. Saving faith does not mean that we have perfectly aligned our life with every one of our Lord's wishes. That is an ongoing process. It does mean that we recognize his lordship or authority over us as his disciple.

Personally, each of us needs a foundation of faith in Christ _____ any other foundational principle can be applied to our lives.