

## Laying the Foundation 1

### Study Guide

#### Lesson 1

1. Since the \_\_\_\_\_ bears the weight of the entire structure, it must be done well.
2. Other words meaning the same thing as “foundational” include: “\_\_\_\_\_, elementary, beginning, first.”
3. When the writer of the letter to the Hebrews tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ the principles of the doctrine of Christ, he is literally telling us to go from the beginning.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ word for foundation is themelios (the-me-li-os)
5. If we make a habit of not doing what we are told, we soon become \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Bible gives us clear evidence that trials and tribulations will come against each \_\_\_\_\_ to test his faith.

#### Lesson 2

7. \_\_\_\_\_ is not optional, it is the first response we make to Christ’s Lordship
8. We do not simply hurt ourselves and other people with our sin; we \_\_\_\_\_ God.
9. Repentance always means turning \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Naham mean “to feel \_\_\_\_\_, to lament, to grieve, to sigh, or to groan.”
11. Shuhh means “turn back, to make a radical change in \_\_\_\_\_ toward sin and God.”
12. True repentance includes godly \_\_\_\_\_ for sin: a broken and a contrite heart.
13. True repentance includes the sense of \_\_\_\_\_ for the evil things we have done.
14. Repentance includes the realization that we not only “do” sinful things, but that we are \_\_\_\_\_ people.
15. We do not put the \_\_\_\_\_ for what we do and are upon others.
16. Repentance is our \_\_\_\_\_ to God; regeneration is God’s response to us.

#### Lesson 3

17. Sin broke all \_\_\_\_\_ with God—and still does each time we sin.
18. For this reason, the theological study of \_\_\_\_\_ by means of God’s intervention is called “soteriology”
19. Sin is loving \_\_\_\_\_ and preferring our own ways instead of loving God and seeking to please him.
20. A. Sin is missing the \_\_\_\_\_ (hamartia).

21. The study of \_\_\_\_\_ is called “hamartiology.”
22. The Greek word Kakos is often translated as “\_\_\_\_\_,” because it emphasizes the moral badness or evil of disposition within a man.
23. Transgression is the \_\_\_\_\_ stepping across the border between right and wrong, the violation of God’s law.
24. Lawlessness (anomia) is a life style of refusing to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s law.
25. Each time we sin, we become less the \_\_\_\_\_ we were intended to be.
26. God’s answer to \_\_\_\_\_ is the way of repentance: confess, ask for forgiveness, receive His cleansing, and walk away from the sin.
27. Each time we do a \_\_\_\_\_, this makes it easier for us to do the same thing again.
28. God is \_\_\_\_\_. If we remain in fellowship with Him. He exposes us to ourselves.
29. It is not the feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ but the decision of our will that results in sinful action.
30. Condemnation brings cloudiness and a vague \_\_\_\_\_.
31. The Holy Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_, which includes both sorrow for sin and the ability to turn from it.

#### **Lesson 4**

32. \_\_\_\_\_ is a feeling of deep regret, of hopelessness, and even of despair.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ on the other hand, causes us to turn away from sin and open us to receive the next gift from God—faith.
34. Fruit refers both to outward behavior and inner \_\_\_\_\_.
35. The Greek word for \_\_\_\_\_ “palingenesia means “to be born again.”
36. Man is enabled to repent because God \_\_\_\_\_ upon and within him.
37. God uses the ministry of His \_\_\_\_\_ to create repentance in the heart of man.
38. True repentance results in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
39. True repentance means turning away from sin and leaving it \_\_\_\_\_.
40. Initial repentance prepares a person for \_\_\_\_\_.

## Lesson 5

41. Repentance prepares and qualifies us to receive God's \_\_\_\_\_ and pardon.
42. When we repent, God \_\_\_\_\_ His Spirit upon us and gives us spiritual understanding of His Word.
43. We must stop \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves before we can wholly trust God.
44. Nothing we can do will produce life; we must draw from God as our \_\_\_\_\_.
45. Grace is the exact \_\_\_\_\_ of earning merit through works.
46. Grace \_\_\_\_\_ God; dependence upon works seeks to honor man.
47. Trying to mix grace and dependence on anything else—even the law—only nullifies the power of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
48. \_\_\_\_\_ always produces a deep unsureness or lack of confidence toward God.
49. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” means “worship” and conveys the thought of our voluntarily giving ourselves and all we have as a spiritual sacrifice to God.

## Lesson 6

50. Repentance is the inner \_\_\_\_\_ from self dependence and self government to submission to God.
51. Laying the foundation of repentance from \_\_\_\_\_ includes first of all the initial repentance which turns us from darkness to light.
52. The difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and continuing repentance is this: initially we repent for what we are—sinners; after this we repent for what we do or fail to do—specific sins.
53. Repentance is the preparation of our \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
54. It is not enough to cut down the \_\_\_\_\_ of external sin; the roots must be pulled and the seeds must be destroyed.
55. Reformation deals only with the surface, repentance is a \_\_\_\_\_ of heart.
56. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ creating inner change can make genuine new creatures. If our root has been change, this will show in the fruit of our character.

## Lesson 7

57. Both repentance and faith are \_\_\_\_\_ from God, initiated freely according to His grace.
58. The Same Holy Spirit who creates within us the response of repentance also creates within us the \_\_\_\_\_ to believe.
59. Faith is the ability to believe God; both to trust His character and to take His \_\_\_\_\_ as true and reliable.
60. Faith comes from the Greek word pistis which means “\_\_\_\_\_”; strong and welcome belief; conviction of the truth of anything.”
61. The Holy Spirit must place the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ God within our hearts.
62. \_\_\_\_\_ and His Word are inseparable.
63. The Hebrew verb “to lean upon” refers to a personal \_\_\_\_\_ upon another.
64. The Holy Spirit works within us to \_\_\_\_\_ us that God is true and that His Word is truth.
65. Something does not become \_\_\_\_\_ or factual simply because we believe it.
66. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ take upon themselves authority that was not given to them.
67. \_\_\_\_\_ means the act of taking something for granted or supposing that a thing is true without basis in fact.

## Lesson 8

68. There is no salvation apart from believing upon \_\_\_\_\_ as the Incarnate Son of God.
69. Faith is not like \_\_\_\_\_; we do not hoard it up and present it to God in order to please Him.
70. We only begin to mature after we have committed ourselves by definite \_\_\_\_\_ to believing God’s Word.
71. Faith is more than \_\_\_\_\_ assent; it is commitment with knowledge to obey the truth of the gospel.
72. It is the will that sets us into \_\_\_\_\_.

73. Faith makes us \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
74. Faith is based upon a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, the knowledge which comes only from God.
75. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ between matter and spirit in the Christian faith.
76. Faith is commitment to absolute \_\_\_\_\_, to a God who cannot lie.
77. Faith is not \_\_\_\_\_ but historically based.
78. The strongest credential for a believer is his own \_\_\_\_\_ life.

### **Lesson 9**

79. The \_\_\_\_\_ that God demands from man is spelled out in the law.
80. The law makes us aware of our sin and declares our guilt as \_\_\_\_\_ fact.
81. Each time men sinned, they were to bring a \_\_\_\_\_; usually a bull, a sheep or lamb, or a goat.
82. God's wrath is the expression of his \_\_\_\_\_ and righteousness.
83. \_\_\_\_\_ dealt with the legal satisfaction or payment for sin.
84. \_\_\_\_\_ is God's legal action to reconcile sinners to himself
85. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to a system of divine bookkeeping by which sin or righteousness may be transferred from one person's account to another's.
86. Imputation is a legal decree or \_\_\_\_\_.
87. The righteousness of God is first of all His own \_\_\_\_\_;
88. We have right standing with God on \_\_\_\_\_ only; we are in Christ."

### **Lesson 10**

89. Laying the foundation stone of faith toward God means accepting the \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness of God.
90. \_\_\_\_\_ is a subjective experience, an inner sure-ness resulting from the exercise of faith.
91. Justification changes our position in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
92. Justification includes \_\_\_\_\_ of sins on the basis of the penalty already paid by Christ.
93. God takes the \_\_\_\_\_ in forgiving us of all sin and iniquity, apart from and anything we can do to merit this forgiveness.

94. The effectiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ differs in the Old and New Testaments for the simple reason that adequate payment or sacrifice to completely remove sin was not available until the offering of Christ himself.
95. The central purpose of God's forgiveness is to restore His \_\_\_\_\_ with man.
96. God's decision to \_\_\_\_\_ sinners righteous came from His own initiative.
97. Grace by definition means " \_\_\_\_\_, something we cannot earn or repay."
98. The salvation we receive by faith in grace expresses itself in good \_\_\_\_\_.
99. Those who keep the law place themselves under a \_\_\_\_\_ if they fail to keep all of it.
100. The blessings and the curses of the law depended on \_\_\_\_\_ to the total Mosaic covenant.
101. The urge to add works usually comes from \_\_\_\_\_ trust and lack of assurance.
102. Jesus clearly defined the works of God as believing or relying upon \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Lesson 11**

103. Redemption is the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation resulting from our faith toward God.
104. Our English word " \_\_\_\_\_ " comes from the Latin *redimere*, to buy again or redeem.
105. Redemption whether by purchase or by power, requires the personal intervention of a \_\_\_\_\_.
106. Only because the blood of \_\_\_\_\_ fully satisfies the demands of God's justice, is He free to declare us righteous.
107. The exodus from Egypt is a beautiful picture of our \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of darkness.
108. The \_\_\_\_\_ redeemer or *Goel* had several specific rights under the law.
109. Redemption is the full recovery of God's people, a complete restoration to His \_\_\_\_\_.

110. As we agree with God that the blood of Jesus was a sufficient price to purchase us, we begin to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_, He purchased for us as children of God.
111. Through redemption we are entitled to even more than forgiveness each time we repent; we can have the power of \_\_\_\_\_ through the authority of the name of Jesus.
112. The purchase we call redemption makes us God's \_\_\_\_\_.
113. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our body does not take place until Christ's return.
114. \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the Hebrew words for redemption (p'dooth).

### **Lesson 12**

115. Faith, like repentance, is something we will go on using the rest of our \_\_\_\_\_.
116. Living by faith means living \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.
117. \_\_\_\_\_ begets faith.
118. Living by faith is mixing believing with \_\_\_\_\_.
119. The apostles had to deal with those who were creating trouble through \_\_\_\_\_ even in the early church.
120. The Church is seen as a community of believers in which each one has something to contribute both personally and \_\_\_\_\_.
121. Biblical faith touched the whole man and sets into motion a \_\_\_\_\_.
122. The Greek work \_\_\_\_\_ is a little clearer in meaning "to persist in adherence to a thing, to be intently engaged in, to remain constantly in a place; to continually attend upon.
123. The Bible teaches that \_\_\_\_\_ is a spontaneous and natural result of faith.
124. Our faith is securely \_\_\_\_\_ in God's lasting work of redemption.
125. We must remain open to the \_\_\_\_\_ work of the Holy Spirit.

### **Lesson 13**

126. In the Gospel of Mark the coming of John the Baptist is considered to be the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

127. John fulfilled Isaiah's promise of a voice to prepare the \_\_\_\_\_ way
128. John came in the spirit and power of \_\_\_\_\_.
129. To enter this kingdom you must prepare yourself by means of \_\_\_\_\_ and baptism.
130. John's whole message could be summarized as "\_\_\_\_\_" and demonstrate your repentance by obedience to baptism.
131. John's authority to minister was not from the religious leaders but from \_\_\_\_\_ himself.
132. Their sins were remitted. But more than this, the axe was laid to the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
133. The word "\_\_\_\_\_" is the Greek word, *aphesis*, "forgiveness."
134. Under the law, sin was remitted through the shedding of \_\_\_\_\_.
135. John had emphasized both faith in the coming Messiah and the Baptism of the \_\_\_\_\_.
136. The axe had been laid to the root in the water, but the Messiah would come and - \_\_\_\_\_ all that needed to be purged.

#### **Lesson 14**

137. It is clear that Jesus had a deep knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ destiny regarding this moment of baptism.
138. Jesus said in His own words that he desired baptism in order to fulfill all \_\_\_\_\_.
139. Our Lord represented the \_\_\_\_\_, and was to be High Priest over the house of God; now as the High Priest was initiated into his office by washing and anointing, so must Christ be hence.
140. By permitting himself to be baptized, the Lord Jesus announced to Earth and heaven that he was the spotless \_\_\_\_\_, and eligible to die.
141. Jesus fulfilled all righteousness under the Old Covenant and gave His own body and blood to institute the \_\_\_\_\_.
142. Lambs used for \_\_\_\_\_ had to be without blemish or fault.

143. Whenever a sacrifice of animals was accepted in the Old Testament, God made this known by consuming that sacrifice with \_\_\_\_\_.
144. God had given John the Baptist a special sign by which he would \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah
145. Most decidedly! Jesus came by water. Spirit, and \_\_\_\_\_ to provide our eternal salvation.

### Lesson 15

146. When Jesus commissioned His disciples to continue his \_\_\_\_\_ after his departure, He included the ministry to water baptism as an integral part of their ministry.
147. \_\_\_\_\_ or the new birth is not something we can do for ourselves.
148. Water baptism was an important step of \_\_\_\_\_ required of all who would enter the Kingdom of God.’
149. No one was made apart of the local church in the New Testament until he had submitted to water \_\_\_\_\_.
150. The Greek word for baptism itself means “\_\_\_\_\_.”
151. Even when the Holy Spirit sovereignty baptized \_\_\_\_\_, the disciples required baptism in water as well.
152. We believe that the Scriptures tell us and show by example that water baptism is to be practiced \_\_\_\_\_.
153. The ordinance of the Lord’s Supper declares especially the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ.
154. In water baptism we are commemorating the burial and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
155. In \_\_\_\_\_, we consent to His burial of all we have been.

### Lesson 16

156. In the Old Testament we find many types and \_\_\_\_\_ that were used by God to picture the realities which were to be fulfilled in the person of Christ and then in us.

	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reality</b>
157.	The Blood of the Lamb of God	The blood of _____, the Lamb
158.	The Red Sea	The waters of baptism
159.	The High _____, Aaron	Jesus Christ, our High Priest
160.	The altars of Israel	The _____ of Christ
161.	The Tabernacle and Temple	The _____ of Jesus Christ
162.	The _____ Day	The believer's rest in Christ
163.	The circumcision of the _____	The circumcision of the heart
164.	When we rise from the waters of baptism, it is declaration and determination to be _____ with sin.	
165.	Baptism should and must be our announcement of _____ from sin and from the world.	
166.	Water baptism is an act of identification by faith; we receive a new status or _____ in God	
167.	God desires a corporate _____ of himself in the Earth.	
168.	As we look at the records of the early Church, we find that people were baptized as soon as they heard and _____ to the gospel message.	

### **Lesson 17**

169. Under the Old Covenant every male was \_\_\_\_\_ --- and thus separated unto the Lord---regardless of the state of his heart.
170. In either case, the people of God were set apart to become praise in the earth--- this is the meaning of the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”
171. God had a reason for adding circumcision to the \_\_\_\_\_, it was a visible sign to the believer and to the nations that he belonged to God and was bound to Him.
172. Our old “fleshly” nature, called the “\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_” or the body of sin” is cut away from us when we are buried with Christ in baptism.
173. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ circumcision performed by Christ himself through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

174. When God intervenes in our lives to impose him upon us, we are indeed \_\_\_\_\_.

175. As long as we are \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit, we will fight the things we need the most in God.

176. Man could not love God without a deep inner change, a radical \_\_\_\_\_ upon his heart.

### **Lesson 18**

177. Water baptism results in a good, clean \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.

178. It is never enough merely to say that we believe; we must \_\_\_\_\_ upon that faith.\

179. The teaching of God's \_\_\_\_\_ usually produces the repentance and faith needed to participate in baptism meaningfully.

180. We only hear and receive a word from God by faith, but that faith is then expressed in \_\_\_\_\_ to the word.

181. Through obedience, we make it \_\_\_\_\_ for God to come to us inside where we need him.

182. The Old Testament has often been called God's \_\_\_\_\_ story book.

183. \_\_\_\_\_ and the new birth is the same thing.

184. Regeneration and \_\_\_\_\_ are two different things.

185. In addition to circumcision of the flesh and presenting an offering, the male who converted to Judaism was required to \_\_\_\_\_ himself.