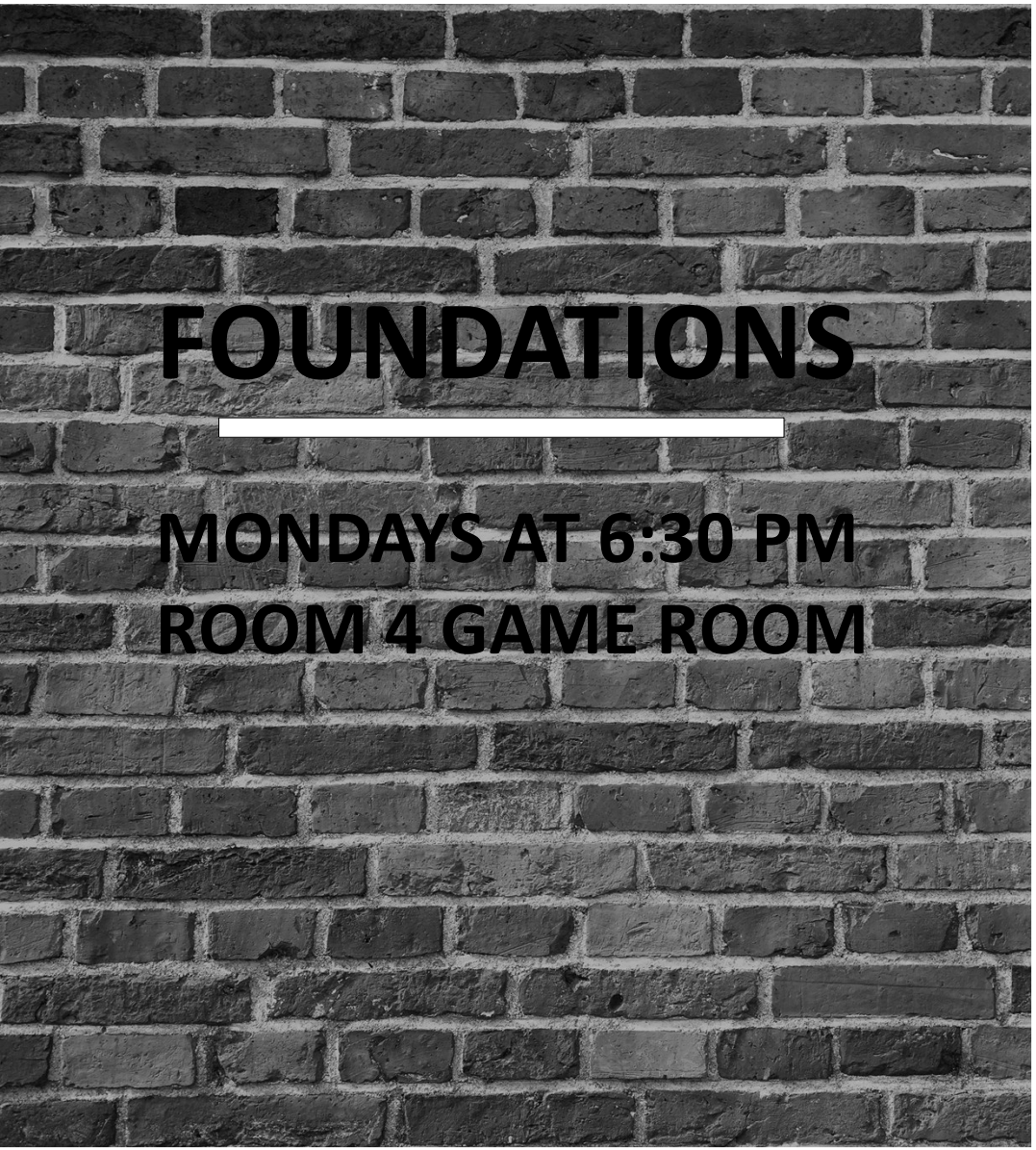
Welcome to Foundations!



Session 2: What is a Christian?

Session Questions

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- What is a Christian?
- How does one become a Christian?
- How can I be sure?
- What does it mean to be a Christian?

Question Review

- Review answers from Session 2: What is a Christian?

Section 1: What is a Christian?

A Christian is a person who is a disciple of Jesus Christ and believes that:

- Jesus is God the Son
- Jesus lived a sinless life
- Jesus died on the cross as payment for sin
- Jesus rose from the dead on the third day

Supporting verses: John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Ephesians 2:8-9

Section 1: What is a Christian?

Terms associated with being a Christian:

- **Justification** – freed from the penalty of sin
  - Habakkuk 2:4
  - Romans 1:17
  - Romans 3:28
- **Sanctification**—freed from the power of sin
  - Romans 6:12
  - 1 Corinthians 6:11
  - Philippians 2:12-13
- **Glorification** – freed from the presence of sin
  - Romans 8:30

Section 1: What is a Christian?

Additional terms associated with being a Christian:

- Regeneration – 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Redemption – Galatians 3:13
- Reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:18
- Atonement – Hebrews 9:12

Section 2: How does a person become a Christian?

Sin

- What is sin?
  - James 4:17
- Who is affected by sin?
  - Romans 3:23
  - Isaiah 59:1-2
- What is the penalty for sin against God?
  - Romans 6:23

Section 2: How does a person become a Christian?

Jesus was sacrificed to pay the penalty for sin

- I can never be good enough – **Isaiah 64:6**
- Jesus lived perfectly to pay for sin – Galatians 4:4-5
- By grace through faith – Ephesians 2:8
- Confession and belief in Jesus – Romans 10:9-10

Section 3: How do you know you are a Christian?

The Bible provides many assurances about salvation

- **John 3:16**
- **John 5:24**
- **John 10:28-29** - And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand
- **Hebrews 7:25** - Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
- **Hebrews 13:5** - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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Additional assurances about salvation

- **John 6:37** – "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
- **Romans 8:16** – "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"
- **1 John 4:2** – "By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God"

Section 4: What does it mean to be a Christian?

The Christian is different than the non-Christian

- Psalm 1 comparison

Verse	Christian	Non-Christian
Psalm 1:1	Blessed Does not walk in the counsel of ungodly	
Psalm 1:2	Delights in the law of the Lord Meditates on God's law	
Psalm 1:3	Like a tree planted by rivers water (stability) Prosperous	
Psalm 1:4		Like chaff (Instability)
Psalm 1:5		Shall not stand in the judgment (will not escape) Shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous
Psalm 1:6	The Lord knows the way of the righteous	The way of the ungodly shall perish

Section 4: What does it mean to be a Christian?

What are some outcomes of being a Christian?

- Psalm 23:4
- Matthew 6:25
- John 10:10
- John 14:17
- Romans 5:1

Session Wrap Up Question

Based on the discussion, notes and your personal study, what have you learned from this session?

Reflections & Wrap Up

- Being a Christian includes admitting I am a sinner and accepting God's free gift through Jesus Christ.
- God wants us to be sure of our salvation so we can more forward to maturity.
- We have "great and precious promises" in Christ.
- Next session is **Monday, September 28 at 6:30 PM** in **Room 4**.

Topic questions for next session:

- Session 3: Who is God?

Thank you!