

# Rediscovering the Gospel: A Course in Spiritual Renewal

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## Lesson #2 – “The Three Foundations”

**Intro. question:** where is the farthest you have ever been from home?

**Bible passage:** Matthew 7:24-27

**24** "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. **26** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

**Question:** Have you kept the sermon on the mount?

### “THREE FOUNDATIONS”

**Where is HE — and Where are WE Standing?**

**1. HE WAS LOST** and was trying to save himself by being good enough. He was standing on his good works. He thought that God would accept him if his good deeds outweighed his bad ones.

MY WORKS

**2. CONVERSION.** He was born again! He moved from trusting in the things he tried to do to pay for his sins, and put his trust in what Jesus did for him by dying on the cross for his sins. “Clothed” in Jesus’ righteousness, the Father is pleased with him and delights in him!

JESUS' BLOOD & RIGHTEOUSNESS

**3. “SPIRITUAL ORPHANHOOD”** He thinks that Jesus’ righteousness is not enough and begins to “clothe himself” in his ministry!

He is trusting in the things he is doing for God to keep God and others happy with him. He is acting like an orphan! (Jn. 14:18)

**VERY BAD MOVE, MR. CHRISTIAN!**

**4. RENEWAL.** He repents! He “consciously clothes” himself in Jesus again, and trusts in Jesus alone to sanctify him—just as he has trusted in Jesus to save him!

MY CHRISTIAN GOOD WORKS

**Another question:** Which foundation/Rock am I standing upon?

**We need Psalm 40:1-3!**

**1** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. **2** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. **3** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.