



FOUNDATIONS

WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**

“Obeying”

WHAT IT IS NOT...

- Legalism or Earning Salvation
- “To Be Seen” or Performance
- Partial or Selective

WHAT IT IS...

- (שמע) *Shema* - **Listen & Obey**
 - Hear, Understand, & Respond w/ Action
- The Example of Jesus
- Better than Sacrifice
- Rooted in Love

12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his Master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you & appointed you that you should go & bear fruit & that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you.

17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- John 15:12-17

Relationship w/ Other Followers

*As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you.
Abide in My Love. – John 15:9*

*This is My commandment, that you love one
another as I have loved you. – John 15:12*

Servants (Employee) – Friends (Relationship)

We did NOT Chose Him – But He Chose Us!

- They Did NOT Chose Jesus as Rabbi...

***And He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.” – Matthew 4:19***

--- LOVE ONE ANOTHER! ---

18 “If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the Word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his Master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word, they will also keep yours.

21 But all these things they will do to you on account of My Name, because they do not know Him Who sent Me.

- John 15:18-25

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 Whoever hates Me hates My Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father.

25 But the Word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated Me without a cause.'

- John 15:18-25

Relationship w/ the World

The World Hates Jesus!

**Hates that Jesus (Love) Stands in
Direct Opposition to Them (Sin)**

'A servant is not greater than his Master.'
- When Jesus was Washing Their Feet

**They Hate Jesus Because They Do
NOT Know the Father!**

*Believe Me that I am in the Father and the
Father is in Me, or else believe on account of
the works themselves. – John 14:11*

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

- John 15:26-27

Relationship w/ the Spirit

Paraclete - Helper, Advocate, Counselor, Comforter

John 14

- **Jesus is Sending from the Father**
- **The Spirit will be with Us Always!**
- **The Spirit will be in Us!**

John 15

- **Jesus is Sending from the Father**
- **The Spirit of Truth**
- **To Bear Witness of Jesus!**

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. – John 5:19

For I have not spoken on My Own authority, but the Father Who sent Me has Himself given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. – John 12:49

Know God – Abide in His Love

Obey God – Love Others

The Focus on Abiding

– Obedience Rooted in Love

**Bear Witness
To Jesus!**