

A photograph of a large-scale construction project at sunset. The building's steel framework is completely encased in a dense network of scaffolding. The sky transitions from a bright orange glow on the left to a deep blue on the right. The overall mood is one of industriousness and the beginning of a new structure.

# FOUNDATIONS

*of the faith*

## Day 1

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

## Day 3

<sup>11</sup> And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## Day 4

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## Day 4

<sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*



## Day 5

<sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## Day 6

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## Day 6

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## Day 6

<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *Psalm 24*

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
<sup>2</sup> for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

*Divine gift and human responsibility*

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

***Psalm 115:15-16***

<sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>16</sup> The highest heavens belong to the Lord,  
but the earth he has given to mankind.

***Psalm 8:6***

<sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your  
hands; you have put all things under his feet,

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

**Genesis 2:** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*



## *Royal Authority vs Stewardship*

**1 Kings 12:7:** And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever."

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *God's Design*

***Genesis 2:15-17:*** The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *The Fall*

**Genesis 3:1-7:** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *The Fall*

**Genesis 3:1-7:** <sup>3</sup> but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *The Fall*

**Genesis 3:1-7:** <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## ***Some Effects of the Fall***

- Loss of righteousness (Gen 3:7)
- Separation from God (Gen 3:8)
- Cursed environment (Gen 3:19)
- Physical death (Gen 3:19)
- Clothing (Gen 3:21)

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *Freedom in Christ*

***Romans 3:23-25:*** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

# EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

WARREN, On the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, all persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be henceforth and forever FREE; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to impress such persons, or any of them, in any MANNER, they may make for their actual freedom; that the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, issue a proclamation designating the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen therein, or elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof, are not in rebellion against the United States."

Now, whereas, I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, in a time of actual armed rebellion against the authority of the Government of the United States, as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this FIRST DAY of JANUARY, in the year of our Lord ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED and SIXTY-THREE, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the date of the first above mentioned order, designate as the States and parts of States therein, the people whereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to-wit: ARKANSAS, TEXAS, LOUISIANA, except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, La Fourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans; MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA, and VIRGINIA, except the fifty eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Adams, Washington, Elizabeth City, York, Prince Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth; which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued. And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I DO ORDER and DECLARE that ALL PERSONS HELD AS SLAVES within designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforthward, SHALL BE FREE, and that the Exec-

FOUNDATIONS  
*of the faith*



***Romans 3:23-25:*** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## ***The benefits of redemption include:***

- Eternal life (Revelation 5:9-10)
- Forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7)
- Made righteous (Romans 5:17)
- Freedom from the law's curse (Galatians 3:13)
- Adoption into God's family (Galatians 4:5)
- Deliverance from sin's bondage (Tit 2:14; 1 Pet 1:14-18)
- Peace with God (Colossians 1:18-20)
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

***To be redeemed, then, is to be forgiven, holy,  
justified, free, adopted, and reconciled.***

*See also Psalm 130:7-8; Luke 2:38; and Acts 20:28.*

*GotQuestions.org - What is the meaning of Christian redemption?*

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

## *Redemption*

***Romans 3:23-25:*** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*

**FOUNDATIONS**  
*of the faith*



A construction site at sunset. A building is under construction, completely covered in a dense network of metal scaffolding. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow near the horizon, transitioning to a deep blue at the top. The building's structure is dark, with some windows visible through the scaffolding. The overall mood is one of industriousness and the beginning of a new project.

# FOUNDATIONS

*of the faith*