

## How to Become a Strong Believer of Jesus Christ (Part 2)

What is a **Foundation**?

- the lowest load bearing part of a building, typically below ground level.
- an underlying basis or principle

A foundation is the base for something. In the simplest sense, foundations **support** something else.

### 1 Corinthians 3:9-11 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

<sup>10</sup> Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—**Jesus Christ**.

Our foundation is **maintained** by the intentional ongoing process of making Jesus the center of our life

**Firm** (Definition)

- a solid, almost unyielding surface or structure
- strongly felt and unlikely to change
- physically solid or resilient

What is a **Believer**?

- Someone who holds **firm** faith, trust, or conviction in a particular religion, idea, or person.
- Someone who acts upon their **convictions**.

What is a Believer in Jesus Christ?

- Someone who has a deep trust and **personal** commitment, accepting Jesus as the Son of God, His death for sins, and His resurrection.
- Someone who is leading a **transformed** life of following His teachings, seeking forgiveness, and relying on Him for salvation and guidance.

A Christian is someone who **trusts** in Jesus Christ for salvation and **actively** follows His teachings.

## Qualities of Strong Believers

### Strong Sense of Calling

1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV) says "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

- Calling (Greek: kaleo) means God's divine invitation or summons to individuals for salvation, discipleship, and a specific purpose or mission
- God has called us **out** of something, God has called us **to** something, God has called us **for** something
- While there is a universal call for all believers, there is a **unique** calling for each individual disciple (Passion + Gifts/Talents + World's Need = Calling)



Ephesians 4:1 (NLT) says *“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.”*

### **Strong Sense of Commitment**

Psalms 37:5 (KJV) says *“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”*

- Commitment means a **strong** promise, pledge, or **dedication** to a cause, person, or activity, involving a firm decision to see it through, often requiring time, energy, or sacrifice
- An engagement or obligation that **restricts** freedom of action
- **Commitment** to God, Relationships, Work

Proverbs 16:3 (KJV) says *“Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.”*

### **Strong Sense of Conviction**

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) says *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

- Conviction means holding a strong, firm, and **unshakable** trust in something you know to be true or right, often leading you to act on it with confidence and not be easily swayed, even in the face of opposition
- A **certainty** that influences your character, decisions, and actions, distinguishing it from mere opinion or a casual interest
- A belief or opinion under pressure can grow weaker...while a conviction under pressure will only grow **stronger**

James 2:20 (NKJV) says *“But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”*

Being a Strong Believer is a continuous journey of inviting him into your life, surrendering **control**, and striving to **live** as a "follower of Christ," not as a perfect being, but as one **journeying** toward him.