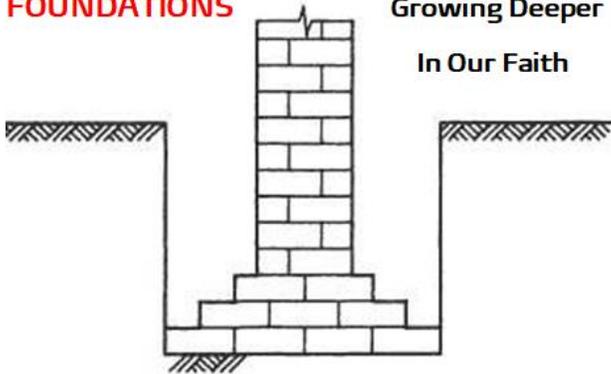


## FOUNDATIONS

Growing Deeper

In Our Faith



Psalm 11:3 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup>If the foundations are destroyed,  
What can the righteous do?

Foundations Bible Study for the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Read the Foundational Truth Text: **2 Chronicles 7:14-20**
- Today's Message from the late **Dr. Chuck Kelly**, Former president of *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*
- Watch the Foundational Truth Video and use the outline below as you watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02tTA4FYWdg>

### STUDY NOTES: "The New Methodist"

1945 – SBC churches baptized appx. 257,000

1955 – SBC churches baptized appx. 417,000

How did we grow so quickly? SBC churches created a farm system through:

- Church planting
- Climate that affirmed reaching the lost
  - Visitation programs with a purpose
- Cultivation through multiple strategies
  - Sunday School which started to lead to small groups
  - Dedicated Bible relationships
  - Aggressive Revival meetings lasting longer than a few days into weeks that was focused on the lost
  - Repentance was a focus in the pulpits of SBC churches

This farm system started with dedicated men and women and not through SBC entities

What happened to the harvest? What happened to the farm?

- Methods are not the issue
- Lack of monies are not the issue
- Gospel power is not the issue
- SO, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

#### I. **WE ARE NO LONGER ANNOINTED**

- a. We have allowed the devil to convince us that this is normal and should be expected

#### II. **WE HAVE BECOME ADAMIZED**

- a. Sin has become expected and accepted

#### III. **WE HAVE BECOME THE NEW METHODIST**

- a. Universalism us settling into our pews
- b. Tolerance is overtaking personal convictions
- c. Behavior is blending with culture

**NOTE:** In the 1950's, Christian believers were living differently than their neighbors. Today, we no longer look or live like Jesus and we have lost the distinctiveness of our voice. We are quickly becoming the new Methodist!

NOTE: Aggressive evangelism without aggressive discipleship will eventually undo itself!

### Reflections Questions:

1. Do you believe that personal evangelism is important today? Why or why not?
2. Do you believe that personal evangelism is still relevant for today? Why or why not?
3. Do you believe that each person has a personal responsibility toward personal discipleship?
4. How has the church changed negatively in its view to discipleship? How could you make a difference in the discipleship of others?
5. If Sunday school was one of the key components to corporate discipleship over the past 75 years, then why should we be opposed to small group studies as another key method to develop us today?