"Nevertheless <u>The Foundation Of God</u> standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, 'Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Timothy 2:19no4 KJV

"The Foundation of God" is God! When tornados, hurricanes, and tsunamis level buildings the foundations are generally all that is left unless the earth beneath is moved. Machu Picchu has stood



centuries in all weather, because its foundation is the very mountain itself! Tourists marvel at the complexity and size of the walls and stones, which are crumbling with time, but totally ignore the mountain itself! Like barnacles on a steel hull, the man-placed stones deteriorate, but the mountain "standeth sure!" Today's passage does not refer to a foundation THAT BELONGS to God, but rather to the foundation WHICH IS God! When things are good your faith is strong, but let trouble beat upon it and it crumbles! How often have you been in the throes of circumstance and found your faith waning? Fair-weather faith that vacillates with circumstance is not faith at all. Trusting God is a commitment and purpose based in and on a sure Hope! "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT seen." Obedience is the evidence of faith, and faith is the evidence of the INVISIBLE GOD! Faith depends on WHO God is, not WHAT God provides! Faith flies in the face of circumstance and boldly declares, "The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the Strength of my Life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Like a climber lashed to the mountain, it matters little how hard the wind blows; if I am anchored to God, "I shall not be moved!" If you thought a mountain would crumble, would you climb it? Perhaps the reason we don't trust God, is because we doubt Him, and have never really depended upon or proved Him! "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Sometimes God removes the THINGS we depend on so we may discover that "underneath are the Everlasting Arms!" Like a glass floor, we cannot physically perceive that upon which we stand, so we focus instead upon the abyss beyond and are paralyzed with fear! If you can trust the ground upon which you stand, the air which you breath, and the sun which never fails to rise, then you can trust the God who created and preserves them, "for He is before all things and by Him ALL things consist!" We religiously disinfect to kill things we have never seen, but refuse to believe in the God who gives us our very life, because we can't see Him? You believe in the wind, but have never ever seen it! You either trust and believe God's Word or you don't! Your actions are the barometer of your faith! Miracles are all around you, but you'll never see them if blinded with unbelief! "The god of this world (Satan) has blinded the MINDS of them WHICH BELIEVE NOT!" Don't want anything to do with God? He has a special place prepared for your eternity: It's called "the LAKE OF FIRE!"

> Almighty God will never change, And though your circumstance is strange, It cannot thwart God's mighty hand, If you by faith in Christ do stand! –CGP

What more security do you need than the God upon whose Word the galaxies hang? Has the sun ever failed? Have the stars ever wavered? Neither will God! Your very body is a masterpiece men have been trying to reproduce for millennia. Doctors don't heal the body; it heals itself! Medicine only gives the body the tools it needs to do so. Every sunrise is a reminder of the God who sustains Creation! Did you thank Him for another day? Or did you just presume upon His faithfulness? Your very breath is only possible by God's faithfulness!

"If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13 KJV