

Sermon by Mr. [John] Raynor [of Plymouth] on 1 Cor. 3.11. (pg. 54-57a)

PAGE 54 a sermon preached by mr./ raynor on 1 cor 3.11./ for other fffoundation can no man/ lay then that is layed that is Jesus/ Christ:/ this tixt houlds forth unto us the/ grundwork where upone paul in/ his ministry would lay the coren/ tians for their salvation: and/ that is Jesus christ. its usuall w[i]th/ the apostles by a metaphor of a/ building to set forth, the ga/ thering, increasing, and edifi/ ing of christ church, because/ as to a building, ther goes/ first the fondation, then stones,/ then builders, to make up./ even so to the church of Christ,/ there is required, first a founda/ tion to build soules on, thats/ none other but Christ, & stones,/ living stones, that is the people of/ god, and builders, that is the minestr/ es of god./ Now the Apostle gives them a/ cation, if any build on this/ foundation, wood, hay, stubb/ le, that is, if any minester will/ preach trash & toys, traditi/ ons of men in stead of the/

puer word of god, theire/ workes shall be burnt./ PAGE 54a and thay, if thay shall be saved,/ it shall be very hardly, it shalle/ be by fier./ In the tixt there are three pro/ positions that take up the whole su/ me and marrow there of./ 1 christ is a foundation to his chur/ ch whereupon all the children of/ god may safly and comfortably/ build their salvation. 2ly/ This foundation must be layde./ 3ly Theres no other thing can be/ layd for a foundation, but only/ christ, but of the first to witt that/ Doct: christ Jesus is a foundation/ of salvation to all that/ shall be saved./ He is so first so to the church/ catholick mat 16.18. thou art/ peter & upon,& c. meaning the/ confession that peter made, vrs 16./ 2ly To all the churches of the saints/ 1 thes 2.4. for the brethren/ became followers of the churches/ of god./ 3ly. To every man and woman/ that shall be saved 1 pet 2.4./ to whome coming & vrs the fift/ the all so as livly stones +/ so that bretheren, evry soule that/ heres me this dathe must eit/ her git christ layde in thire/ PAGE 55 hartes for a foundation. objection./ but we read of other thinges in/ scriptuer called foundations, as ele/ ction 2 tim 2.19. And the profits/ & apostiles, 2 eph 20. How is christ/ then the foundation. Answer/ Election the foundation of our sal/ vation in the eternall purpose of god./ The scriptuers in the word and/ promisses of God, the Apostles and/ minesters in aplying the word to the/ sowle. But christ Jesus in the/ performans of the work, hee is the/ sume of all. ffor 1/ Christ the person assigned of the/ ffather to the office. 2ly./ Christ is the matter of the scrip/ tuers. 3ly./ Christ is the substans of the minest/ ers preaching, what else do wee/ hould forth in the ministry but/ Christ./ Now, in the handling of this point,/ that your Judgments may be right/ ly informed, & by the will of god/ your affections quickned./ I will shewe you first the/ Resembleanses betwixt christ/ and the foundation of a build/ ing, by which it will more/ PAGE 55a playnly appeare now it is a/ foundation for sowles to/ build their salvation on./ a foundation stands for the con/

junction of the parts of the building:/ stones that haue beene scattered/ upon the mountaines, here and/ there, are fare from another,/ the foundation Joynes them toge/ ther, thea crosse wall are knit to/ gether by the foundation./ even so brethren the lord Jesus/ christ is a foundation to his chur/ ch, to Joyne all the people of/ god together, How ever they be/ far distant one from a nother/ in time, in place, in age, in all/ respects, yet by fathath are all/ Joyned together being lathed/ on the foundation (christ) ephe/ 2.21. & 13. you who some time/ ware fare of Isa 28.16./ christ is caled the corner stone./ Now you know the use of a cor/ ner stone is to joyne to walles/ to gether. so the lord Jesus/ christ lathes not only the bot/ tom but Joynes the crosse walles/ PAGE 56 makes all his elect one./ 2ly. a foundation is not only for the/ conjunction of {the

building} partes/ But for the progres of the worke/ to funder the building that it may goe/ uppe.
You knowe the foundation/ gives way to the massen to lay cou/ rse upon course on stone after a/
nother till he hath finished the wall/ Even so brethren christ Jiesus/ is a foundation to his church,
not/ only by Joyning beleevvers to/ gether but by giving increase/ to his church 2 Esa 21. marke/
the phrase (groweth) mor and/ more like christ in holynesse/ and Righteousnes. christ the head/
makes all the members growe/ in conformity to him. 1 pet 2.5./ The also as livly stones are
built/ up; you ar called living stones/ Why living stones, to the eand/ you may be growing
stones: here/ in do gods people differ frome/ other stones in other buildings/ to wit in life, thay
live./ 3ly. the foundation doeth/ not only Joyne the partes &/ firder the work, But it beares/ the
whole weight of the building/ PAGE 56a {of the together}/ all the stones in the walle, all the/
timber on the rooffe./ Even so doth the lord Jesus/ christ, &, o be affected with/ this, lett thy
sowle hear this/ particuler./ The Lord Jesus christ bea/ res the whole weight of his/ church and
every member of/ it. he beares their persons,/ their actions. all their par/ ticular cases and
Infirmy/ ties. Isa 53.4. as if he had/ said, the lord Jesus even/ took Isralles burdens/

from off his back and laid/ them on his owne shoulders./ Hinse is it that he said to Saul/ Saul
Saul why parsecutest thou mee,/ as if he had said Dost/ thou not know Saul, that what/ ever
burdens light on the, thay/ are all layd on my back, &/ why dost thou add to them &/ make
them hevier./ Hins also is it that christ so/ louingly inuits mat 11.28./ come unto me all you
that felle/ PAGE 57 sin a burden: & why dos hee/ call you, but that you may be/ eased. o what
a hapines is this/ to the people of god, that christ will/ beare all thire weights, the weig/ ht of
thire sens, the weight of/ all thire afflictions & troubles./ You know. if you cast mier &/ dirt
upon the walles of a house,/ the foundation bears all, it bears the/ stones, and it bears the myer
& dirt/ thats cast on them./ Even so: what ever slanders/ or reproches are cast upon any/ of
gods people, christ beares/ the weight of them all. so also/ he beares the greate waight of/ thire
salvation, which may be/ branched forth into thes p[ar]ticulars/ 1 In making satisfaction to the
ju/ stice of god for all our sines,/ and in undergoing the wrath of/ his father due unto us for
them/ o this is full of weight, yet/ christ hath taken this weight upon/ him. Isa 53.6. (mark the
p[ro]gras)/ laid upon him our sines, that was/ such a waight as the shoulders of/ men & and
Angels could not bear/ PAGE 57a I may certainly affirme it/ unto you that he thats guilty of/
the least sin in all the congre/ gation, yet the waight of his/ sin is such as the strength of/ men
& angells could not hav/ stood under it. o the intolerable/ waight of mans sin. I pray/ you be
sinsible how heavy sin/ laye uppon christ shouldrs,/ when he was in the garden, how/ it mad
his body sweat drops of/ blod, and when he was upon the/ crosse how it mad his soule/ cry out,
my god, my god, it/ mad him sem as thoug the lord/ holy deserted him, nay it mad/ him power
out his pressious/ sowle to the death, soule and/ body could not continew to/ gether whilst he
beare this/ wayte and this the first branc/ by this meanes he be came/ a foundation of
Rightousnes/ Justification and Redemtion/ from hell and wrath./