Cut From The Same Cloth

The term primarily originated from when a man got a suit made.

In order for the jacket and the pants to be the same in color, texture and pattern, they would insist that both items be cut from the same cloth.

In other words they wanted everything to be the same.

When we make this statement today as it relates to the church we are looking to identify those key essential characteristics as it pertains to biblical foundational doctrine.

Isaiah 51:1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

This passage is encouraging those who are seeking the Lord to keep their heads up.

It is telling them to look back at their original beginnings, the rock they were cut from and the pit that they were dug out from and see how God has blessed them as a people through Abraham.

I’m not dealing with the original context of this scripture today, but what I want to do is extract what Isaiah was telling the people to do; and that is to look back at the rock you were hewn (cut) from.

When we begin to look at being the same in our foundational doctrine we must go back to who the foundation is where the foundation was laid.

Often times we want to look back at the person who influenced us.

But that is not he foundation.

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Acts 4:11 NIV Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.

So here we have to pause because knowing who and what the foundation is does not constitute us using it.

When we reject Christ and/or those things associated with him through his word we begin to build on another foundation.

And this is what begins to seep into the church.

A subtle rejection of Christ that causes the very elect to begin to build on another foundation.

Being cut from the same cloth must begin and end by ensuring that we are first building on the right foundation.

That foundation being Jesus.

**Q2. So if everyone has the foundation of Christ then why is it that we have several variations of suits?**

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder,

(knowledge + understanding = wisdom)

In all thy getting get understanding

2 Pet. 3:18 tells us to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Mature)

So Paul has developed and grown in maturity. Not just by knowing the word but also by it becoming applicable to his life.

I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. *But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now this is where we must be careful as it pertains to foundational issues or building issues.

You see in the natural world a building constructed may not meet all the proper building codes, but the foundation is still good.

We begin to assess codes that we feel as though will either make the building stronger or right, but it doesn’t mean that the foundation is wrong.

Pants, jewelry, makeup, shorts (building codes)

Sunday School, night service, small cell bible classes

I believe that many have not taken heed to their building and have now made the determination of whose foundation is right or wrong.

Of who is cut from the same cloth or not

We must look back like Isaiah said at the rock.

David identified in Psalms 18:2 who the rock was.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer.

This is why we Peter refers to us as lively stones in 1 Pet. 2:5

A chip off the old block one might say.

So in conclusion we must be ever so careful to disregard someone as NOT being cut from the same cloth because of we may or may not be the same in.

The barometer must always start with Christ…The True Foundation.