

# The Church's One Foundation

1 Corinthians 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866, cento

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Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1. The Church's one founda - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. The Church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,  
4. Though with a scorn - ful won - der Men see her sore op - pressed,  
5. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,

From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Though there be those that hate her. False sons with - in her pale,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Til with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
A - gainst both foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.