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The Church's One Foundation



About the song

- Written to defend against "higher criticism"
- The Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua Critically Examined by John Colenso
- Mr. Stone wrote 12 songs based on the 12 creeds of the Apostle's Creed called: The Lyra Fidelium (Songs of the Faithful)
- The Church's One Foundation is song number nine and is wholly scriptural
- Originally a seven verse song, now shortened to 3 or 4

Manifestation of the Church

- Jesus Christ is the foundation Matt 16:18
- By water and the word John 3:5
- From heaven he wanted her as a bride Eph 5:25-27
- He bought her with His blood Acts 20:28

Unification of the Church

- Elect from every nation Matt 28:19
- One Lord, One faith, one baptism Eph 4:4-6
- She blesses one name Acts 4:12
- Through Him only is there hope Eph 2:12

Destination of the Church

- False teachers bring false words with destruction 2 Pet 2:1-
- Division cannot be in the church 1 Cor 1:12,13
- Saints of yesterday await being avenged Rev 6:9,10
- Heaven is just around the corner Heb 4:9-11