

re-think No.65

SUB - STANCE?

Greek: *HUPERSTASIS*

This Greek word turns up in five places in the New Testament and each reference sheds some more light on its content. It breaks down into two parts .. *HUPO* which means **UNDER** and *STASIS* which means **STANDS**. The whole word therefore means **WHAT STANDS UNDER** ... you or us — makes no odds! In English it is seen readily ...*SUB* meaning under or below and *STANCE* meaning one's stand. Our title sets a challenge as to what actually is our foundation for a foundation most certainly stands under any building.

This Greek word is used of 'title deeds' in the papyri which are very ancient documents and manuscripts written on parchment. When you own a piece of land, you are given the 'title deed' to prove your ownership. It is yours and no-one can take it from you. Your 'faith' which really is His faith overriding yours, is the title deed that God holds regarding you — His Promised Land. No one can take your faith in God and His faith in you ... from you. There is no persuasion or pressure that can change your STANCE ... because of its SUBSTANCE ... He stands under you.

FAITH IS WHAT STANDS UNDER YOU

Hebrews 11:1: *Now faith is the substance (*HUPOSTASIS*) of things hoped for, the evidence (or proof) of things not seen.*

Faith can only express Him (Christ) who '*stands under*' you — for faith comes by hearing what that Person says. Such hearing is the greatest confidence builder there is ... *My sheep hear My voice.*

Gal.2:20 *I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live i the flesh (natural realm) I live by the faith OF the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

FAITH IS THE 'TITLE-DEED' THAT STANDS UNDER YOU ... and it is the faith of the Son of God ... NOT yours! I declare that His faith has come to me by the grace of God as a free gift through revelation.: 'grace' being the God-given ability to accomplish His will in my life. My confidence will fade as soon as I step in with 'my word' in a situation.

FAITH IS A PERSON ... the Person of Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:3 *Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person (*HUPOSTASIS*), and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high:*

It is the person of Jesus Christ who stands under you and He is in that supreme place of authority, the right hand of God. Knowing this, one can move with confidence with the authority that He gives. It is not self-confidence which produces boasting which is obnoxious, but rather such an expression of His Life ... so any boasting from that stance will become infectious!

It is 'your faith' in the Holy Place (Moses Tabernacle picture) cum Church realm, but it is **the faith of the Son of God** (Christ in you ... in reality!) in the Holiest cum Kingdom of God realm. Father's throne shows the origin of His authority in us who are seated with Him in those heavenly places far above all power and authority that does not stem from God Himself.

CONFIDENCE THROUGH KNOWING

Such a 'stance' upon Christ Jesus gives perfect confidence in one's daily walk.

Hebrews 3:14 *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence (HUPOSTASIS) steadfast unto the end.*

Partakers of the FAITH that is HIS PERSON ... through the faith that stands under us ... such a CONFIDENCE releases yet further expressions of the Christ who is in us.

PREPARED, UNASHAMED AND CONFIDENT

He has accomplished all this in us and we shall see it as we genuinely and sincerely yield to His Lordship.

2 Corin.9:4 *Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident (HUPOSTASIS) boasting.*

2 Corin.11:17 *That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in the confidence (HUPOSTASIS) of boasting.*

When 'you know that you know' faith has done its work in and for you, you KNOW who it is that STANDS UNDER you and that this PERSON being right there, gives one the full CONFIDENCE and guarantees one's preparedness. Remember in Matthew 25, it was the five wise virgins that were ready, unashamed and confident — they were the ones who entered the Kingdom of Heaven!§