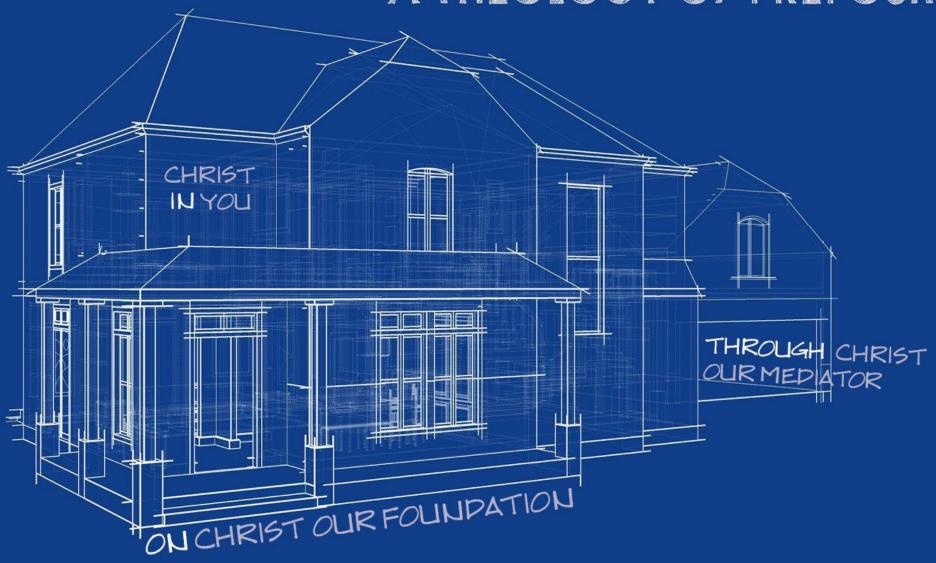# John 15

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John 15

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John 15

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John 15

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.**13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15

14 You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

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