

# THE SIX FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES OF CHRIST

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***Most of the Church Does Not Understand the Foundational Doctrines of Christ!***

*If we don't understand the Foundation correctly; **How can we be saved?** There is a lot of good motivational and inspirational preaching, a lot of amazing praise and worship, however, I see a real void in the area of **Solid, Foundational Bible teaching**. This is evident in the Christian community (Churches). More and more, believers are beginning to know less and less about the Bible. Oh there is a lot of emotion, religious activity, and talent, but they are not really doing the will of God. The will of God can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit!*

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, **you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God (Doctrines)**, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (Heb. 5:12)

*Just because you grow older in age doesn't mean that you're automatically mature. Going to Church for 30 years doesn't make you a Christian. First, you must hear the TRUTH, then you must decide to work it out as a way of life (**believe**).*

**THE SIX FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES** - (Heb. 6:1,2)

- 1. Repentance From Dead Works...**
- 2. Faith Toward God**
- 3. The Doctrine Of Baptisms...**
- 4. The Laying On Of Hands...**
- 5. Resurrection From The Dead...**
- 6. The Doctrine Of Eternal Judgment...**

**Remember What Paul said...**

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth **not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth**. (2 Tim. 2:15)

**First Foundation - Repentance from Dead Works;**

*The vast majority of people in the Church are woefully lacking in the knowledge of what True Repentance is and why it's so foundational and necessary to a Christians salvation. Many believers equate the act of **Repentance with Remorse**. Or they believe that Repentance is simply a spiritual "get out of jail free card" that allows them to admit fault, ask for forgiveness, and then dive right back into the same sin time and time again.*

### ***What Does the Word “REPENT” Mean?***

*According to scripture, Repentance is the only way through which a person can enter the Kingdom of God. It is the only way a person can be truly delivered from the kingdom of darkness and emerge spiritually reborn and be filled with the God kind of life. It was first used in the New Testament (Matt. 3:2, Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3). Where John the Baptist preached; “Repent ye: for the kingdom of God is at hand.” His ministry was literally launched with that one word “repent.” According to John’s preaching, the only way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven was through repentance. Jesus also began His public ministry with the very same word when He said His first sermon; “Repent” for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” Then in (Acts 2:28), we see that Peter launched his preaching ministry on the Day of Pentecost with the same requirement of repentance when he told the audience “Repent.” The word “Repent” in the Greek is metanoeo. It is a compound of the words meta and nous. The word meta means a turn or a change, and the word nous refers to the mind. When these two words are compounded, the new word describes a change of mind, a complete conversion, a new course, new direction, or a decision to believe, think, and act differently. A total transformation of Life! If there is no transformation, change of behavior, it is doubtful that true repentance has occurred, no matter what the person claims. Look at what Paul told the Greek intellectuals on Mars Hill; “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to Repent:” (Acts 17:30)*

### ***Remorse vs. Repent***

*Many people think they repent, but they actually don’t. An example in scripture is Judas Iscariot. We know that hanging oneself is not the fruit of repentance. So what does the Bible mean when it says that Judas repented himself? The word repented here is a different Greek word. In Judas case a different Greek word is used; (metamelomai). It describes profound sorrow or the feeling of being engulfed in grief. It is a completely emotional word and has nothing to do with the ability to change the mind or behavior. It just means he was regretful and remorseful. Judas did not really repent, he did not make a decision to turn his life around. So repentance is a decision to turn your life around, a transformation, whether you're emotional about it or not!*

### ***Repentance From Dead Works (what is that?)***

*If you trust anything for your salvation besides the simple faith in Christ and His redemptive work on the Cross, that is a dead work and not leading you into life. Jesus came to give us life and give it more abundantly. (John 10:10, John 3:15,16). If you trust in religion, good works, or famous religious leaders, to save you; you will lose your life.*

*Dead works can also be sinful acts of the flesh that used to control our lives (stealing, adultery, unforgiveness, bitterness, gossiping, smoking, overeating, etc...). All these things require us to make a decision to **repent** - **not to be saved** but to get back in line with the Holy Spirit and get in right relationship with God. So, in conclusion; (Matt. 3:8) Bring forth therefore fruits **meet for repentance**:*

**Second Foundation - Faith Toward God;**

*Question: Ask yourself this question; Suppose you were to die today, and you stood at the door of heaven. If God asked you, “Why should I let you into Heaven?” What would you say? Most people in church would say...*

- \* I've lived a good life*
- \* I've been sincere*
- \* I've done nice things for people*
- \* I've not hurt anyone*
- \* I've been a good parent*
- \* I went to church*
- \* I took communion*
- \* I gave tithes and offerings*
- \* I've given to the poor.... And many, many, more!*

***None of these things will save your soul and get you into heaven!***

*But Sam, they are so sincere! Yes, but they are **sincerely wrong!** Never forget, Hell is filled with people who did good things and who lived good lives.*

*Doing good things does not open the door to heaven. The Bible declares; people who trust in anything other than Christ will go to Hell after death (John 3:36, John 5:28,29, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 2 Th. 1:8,9).*

**The problem is SIN.** All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God!

(Rom. 3:23)

**Faith Toward God;** *the greek word here is **epi theon**; it's a compound word which includes **epi** which means upon, and the word **theos** which is the Greek word for God. When these meanings are combined, they form the Greek phrase **pisteos epi theon**, which means a faith that is fully focused on God and not on anything else.*

*That is, a faith that **rests on God** (Trusts) and nothing else. God's eternal rest.*

(Heb. 3:18-4:1)

*Countless numbers of even good people have died and gone to hell because they didn't die in Christ! Your only Justification is **Christ in you the hope of Glory.***

(Col. 1:27)

*Good works are a fruit of salvation, **not a way to obtain salvation.***

For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **not as a result of works**, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:8-10) NASB

**Third Foundation - The Doctrine of Baptisms;**

Notice the phrase "**Doctrine of Baptisms**" - **plural**.

Well, the Apostle Paul (Eph. 4:5) said; "One Lord, one faith, **one baptism**."

*I want to mention that after this initial baptism there are two more baptisms God has designed for believers! Lets first define baptism; the word translated from the Greek is **baptidzo**, which means to wash, to dip, or to be fully immersed by someone into something. Let's look at the three baptisms.*

*The First baptism - Performed by the Holy Spirit which does the baptizing.*

*The moment you repent and accept Jesus as Lord and savior, in a split second the Holy Spirit Himself baptizes or immerses you into Christ! (Rom. 6:3-8)*

For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been **all made to drink into one Spirit**. (1 Cor. 12:13)

For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus**. (Gal. 3:27,28)

*This baptism by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ is what Paul referred to in (Eph. 4:5) when he wrote, "One Lord, one faith, **one baptism**." This is the baptism that comes simultaneously with salvation and is therefore imperative for salvation.*

*There is nothing we do to receive this baptism except to repent and call on Jesus. The Holy Spirit takes over from there supernaturally. He immediately places you into the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit baptizes you into Christ, and from that moment forward, we are **in Christ**.*

*The Second baptism - Performed by Jesus, He baptizes you with the Holy Spirit.*

*This is the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and all that is required to receive it is spiritual hunger and faith. When it is received it results in supernatural power.*

But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**:

and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** (Matt. 3:11)

*Note; those who have already received the first baptism (Born Again) are the ones who are eligible to receive the second baptism. They are already in Christ, and then they receive the second baptism as, by faith, they ask Jesus to baptize them in the power of the Holy Spirit. This second baptism is not a requirement for salvation. However, it is a requirement for walking in God's power. You don't have to speak in tongues to be saved, you have to be in Christ to be saved. Only to be in Christ is required to make Heaven your eternal home. When we study the book of Acts, you will find that the early believers didn't give new converts an option. They never said, "Well, it would be good for you to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, but you don't have to have it. These early Christians understood that if the new believers were going to walk in power and have victory over sin, they had to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. If you look at the pattern throughout the book of Acts, you will find that when the people were saved, they were always led immediately into this second baptism, the infilling of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17), (Acts 9:17), (Acts 10:44,45), (Acts 19:5,6)*

**The Third baptism** - Performed by Believers (Christians). **Water Baptism.**

*This third baptism can occur any moment after salvation. If you had any form of water baptism before you were saved it really doesn't count. You need to be rebaptized, because in the New Testament water baptism only occurs after salvation. You do not need water baptism to be saved! Although a person doesn't have to be baptized in water to be saved, he does have to be baptized in water to be obedient! Over the years I've seen what happens with Christians who skip or disregard this step. They say, Well, I don't really think water baptism is that important. They are the ones who often fall out of fellowship and eventually fall back into sin, or they struggle with being obedient in many areas of their lives. Jesus showed us how important water baptism is to the spiritual foundation of new believers when He gave the Church what we call "**The Great Commission**"*

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** (Matt. 28:19).

*Jesus specifically commanded those who believe in Him to be water baptized. Peter told the people; "**Repent and be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)*

*In this very statement we find all three baptisms. Make no mistake about it, it's very important to obey Jesus and get baptized in water. Everyone in the book of Acts got baptized in water immediately after being Born Again.*

#### **Fourth Foundation - The Doctrine Of The Laying On Of Hands**

*Man's hands are vital to the impartation of spiritual goods. It's the way God designed it. Your hands are the spiritual instruments that God wants to use to convey spiritual power and blessing to others. From the beginning of time, God has used the laying on of hands for the supernatural transfer of power, blessing, spiritual gifts, and authority. Of course, hands have no magical powers in and of themselves. But God in His wisdom uses a believers hands to touch others who are hungry for Him in faith. The divine transaction takes place when a believer lays hands on another person in faith and the Holy Spirit then imparts whatever is needed to the recipient. This includes healing, deliverance to the sick and the oppressed, and so much more. The laying on of hands is found all throughout the Bible, the Apostles, Old and New Testament, and Jesus, all exercised this doctrine.*

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, **with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery**. (1 Tim. 4:14)

Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and **he laid his hands on every one of them**, and healed them. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. (Luke 4:40,41) In Jesus ministry: (Matt. 8:3, 8:15, 9:29, 17:7, 20:34, Mark 1:41, 8:22).

#### ***In Acts;***

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, **and laid their hands on them**, they sent them away. (Acts 13:1-3)

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

And when Simon saw that **through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given**, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. (Acts 8:14-21)

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; **and putting his hands on him** said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. (Acts 9:17,18)

*God wants to touch us with His hand, and He requires us to touch other people with our hands so they can be ministered to and changed. Special note; please make sure they are men and women of God who are living a holy sanctified life.*

### **Fifth Foundation - The Doctrine Of The Resurrection Of The Dead**

*The difference between **saved** and **unsaved**! When you go to a funeral, have you noticed the difference between a believing family and an unbelieving family at the time of death? When a Christian family buries a loved one who had been a believer, they were full of faith, assuredness, and very limited sorrow. They sing songs, enjoy the fellowship, laugh and tell jokes with each other as they shared memories of their deceased loved one. It was evident they had a sense of victory over this event. They knew physical death was not the final word. But when you encounter an unsaved family it is a very different story and tragic to observe. Those who had no faith in the power of Jesus death and resurrection, had a sense of hopelessness, the grave for them seemed final. They were engulfed in sorrow because they had no hope in the resurrection. How horribly tragic.*

### **But, For Believers in Christ; Death Has No Sting**

**O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?** (1 Cor. 15:55)

For **this corruptible must put on incorruption**, and **this mortal must put on immortality**. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then **shall be brought to pass** the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.** (1 Cor. 15:53,54)

***Jesus Christ's Resurrection From the Dead Is the Guarantee That We Also Will be Raised From the Dead:***

*Jesus proved over and over again with eye witness accounts that He was the Resurrection and Eternal Life. His Resurrection is Truly the Cornerstone of our Faith! He raised people from the dead: Old Testament (1 Kings 17:17-22; 2 Kings 13:20,21). In His earthly ministry (Luke 7:11-15; Luke 8:41,42,49-55; John 11:1-44). The Book of Acts (9:36-41; 14:19,20; 20:9,10).*

*Jesus appeared over and over again after His resurrection. In (Acts 1:3); Luke wrote, "He shewed himself alive by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days..." **It proved to all that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead.***

***There Are Two Resurrections***

*There are two Resurrections in the Bible. The resurrection of the saved (those that believed Jesus paid for our sin on the Cross); and the resurrection of the damed (those that did not believe what Jesus did on the Cross).*

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice**, And **shall come forth**; **they that have done good** (*faith*), **unto the resurrection of life**; and **they that have done evil** (*unbelief*), **unto the resurrection of damnation**. (John 5:28,29)

***The Resurrection of the SAVED;***

*This resurrection will occur in two parts. The first part is called **The Rapture**. When Jesus comes back for His Church (very soon) - if you have already died (**In Christ**) you will be raised from the dead to meet the Lord in the air. Everyone who died in Christ (from Adam to now) will be raised and meet the Lord in the air this is called the Rapture. Then, those (on earth) that are living when this happens will suddenly disappear and go up (raptured) to meet the Lord in the air. The Rapture is **part 1** of the resurrection of the saved (in Christ).*

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Th. 4:14-17) NLT



**Part 2** - of the resurrection of the saved. This resurrection will occur at **the end of the Tribulation**. It will be for those who died as martyrs for their faith in Christ during the Tribulation.

Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. (Rev. 20:4,5) NLT

### ***The Resurrection of the Un-Righteous (the Damed)***

*At the very end of the Millennial reign of Christ, the rest of the dead will be summoned out of their graves (the un-righteous who did not die in the faith). This is the final resurrection, the unsaved will be summoned to be judged before the Great White Throne Judgment. Those who are saved (in Christ) will not stand before the Great White Throne Judgment. Only the unsaved (the damed) will be in this Judgment. These unsaved people will be cast into Hell (the Lake of Fire). Where they will be there forever and forever.*

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:12-15)

### **Sixth Foundation - The Doctrine of Eternal Judgment**

*There are Two Judgments, and every person will be at one of those two Judgments. Your earthly choices determine your eternal future and rewards. It's important you understand because one day in the future you will stand before Jesus. If you have repented and received Him (in Christ) as your Savior and Lord, you will meet Him at **The Bema, the Judgment Seat of Christ**. He will evaluate your life and work without doling out shame and condemnation, and bestow rewards upon you for faithfully serving Him. But if you have not repented, rejected Him (un-saved, Damed) you will meet Him before **the Great White Throne**. Your future is Hell (the Lake of Fire).*

### ***The Great White Throne Judgment***

*This judgment awaits the unbelieving , the unsaved, the ungodly world. As we told you before; this judgment takes place at the end of the Millennial reign. At the very end of Christ's thousand year reign on earth. The unsaved will be summoned forth from Hell and their graves to stand before the Great White Throne Judgment.*

*A saved person (believer in Christ) will not be in this Judgment. The Great White Throne Judgment is only for the ungodly, unsaved, the ones who rejected Jesus on earth.*

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:11-15)

### ***The Judgment Seat of Christ***

*This event is reserved for True believers, and will occur after the rapture of the Church during the seven years of the Tribulation while we are in Heaven. During this time two events will take place involving the redeemed: (the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and the Judgment Seat of Christ). The Judgment seat of Christ is not for condemnation or our sins, God will never condemn you of sins that were covered by the blood of Jesus. God will never bring them up again.*

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

(2 Cor. 5:9-11)

### ***What is the Judgment Seat Actually About?***

*It is a place where He will deal with us about what we did with our lives after we came to Christ. How willingly and how fully did we carry out what Jesus asked us to do? He will assess our obedience to Him after we received Him as our Savior and Lord.*

*It will be a place of evaluation, and on the basis of that evaluation, rewards (Crowns) will be given and our position in the Millennial reign of Christ will be revealed. You see, we are currently in a qualification period for the next age. It's a big mistake to think you are living only for right now, as if what you do right now is your goal. Certainly, achieving victories right now is a great goal, but our present level of obedience is qualifying us for a very long period of service in His Kingdom during the Millennial reign and right on into eternity. What happens at the Judgment Seat of Christ will determine whether we will be small or great.*

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble**; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because **it shall be revealed by fire**; and **the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is**. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall **receive a reward**. If **any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss**: but **he himself shall be saved**; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you**? (1 Cor. 3:11-16)  
*I think there will be many surprises at the Judgment seat of Christ.*

*In my missionary travels to different places I've noticed many strange things. I've seen pastors and church leaders that really were not the salt and light they should be to their congregations, and I have seen regular non popular church members give of themselves sacrificially and be a great example (salt and light) to that congregation. I don't understand that very clearly, I'll just have to leave that in the hands of the Lord. Also, we should remember all good works done by the flesh (not the Holy Spirit) will burn at the judgment. Only what you did by the power of the Holy Spirit will last. Here is scripture that might explain things a little better.*

And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for **by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest**. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, **If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all**. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. (Mark 9:33-37)

Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, **we have left all, and have followed thee.** And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, **for my sake, and the gospel's,** But **he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time,** houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, **with persecutions;** and **in the world to come eternal life.** **But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.** (Mark 10:28-31)

*This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 22)*  
**“The Whole World Labors to Obtain Knowledge”**

- 1. Knowledge of GOD - (TRUTH)*
- 2. Knowledge of the World - (sinful man, carnal nature, unbelief)*
- 3. Knowledge of Satan, or by Satan - (total destruction of humanity)*