

# The Elementary Doctrine of Christ Hebrews Pt 08

Heb 5:11-14 ESV About this [*Melchisedec*] we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing**. For though by this time you **ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the **basic principles** of the oracles of God. **SLIDE You need milk**, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is **unskilled in the word of righteousness**, since he is a child. 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

## He describes them as people who have become

- 5:11 **dull of hearing** -- hearts that have stopped responding (*used in Heb 6:12 slothful*)
- 5:12 should be teachers, but **need** someone to **teach you again** the ABC's of the oracles of God
- **Need milk** not solid food - 1Pe 2:2 *As newborn babes, desire milk of the word, that ye may grow*
- **Unskilled** in the word of righteousness (he is a child) - "Word of righteousness" = God's word as it directs and shapes a righteous life under the new covenant. **Unskilled** - *not practicing what they know*.

## How does he describe a mature Christian?

- **Able to teach** - 5:12 by this time you ought to be teachers
- Able to **eat solid food**
- **Powers of discernment** - *trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil* - *learn by doing*

## The Solution (why the therefore is there) - get a sound foundation → 6 Doctrines go on to maturity

Heb 6:1-3 ESV Therefore **let us leave** the elementary doctrine of Christ and **go on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings [baptisms], the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

## These 6 Doctrines taught under the law...helped them understand how to approach God (repentance, faith, washings, laying on hands)...but they point to Jesus & are now called DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

### PAST Initiation - Repentance, Faith and Baptism

- Mar 1:15 the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and **believe** in the gospel.
- 1Co 15:3-4 THIS IS THE GOSPEL - that Christ **died** for our sins...he was **buried**...he was **raised** on the third day
- Acts 20:21 Paul testified...of **repentance** toward God and **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "**Repent** and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### PRESENT Daily Walk - Baptisms, Laying on of Hands

- Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life**.
- Act 1:8 But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- 2Ti 1:6 For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you **through the laying on of my hands**
- Baptism in the spirit was often administered by laying on of hands Acts 19, Acts 8

### FUTURE - Resurrection of the Dead, Eternal Judgment

- 1 Cor 15:20-22 But in fact **Christ has been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive**.
- Joh 5:22 The Father judges no one, **but has given all judgment to the Son**,

# How do they help us mature and become one skilled in the word of Righteousness

## 1. Repentance:

- **Foundation:** We begin by turning from sin to Jesus
- **Growing:** We mature as we keep saying "yes" to Jesus (one son repented and did the father's will)
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** Recognizing what pleases Christ and choosing it more quickly.

## 2. Faith Toward God

- **Foundation:** Begins by trusting Jesus for salvation.
- **Growing:** Mature as we learn to live by faith even when things are difficult
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** Obeying Christ even when we don't understand everything.
  - *Heb 11:36-38 -suffered mocking & flogging, in chains & prison, stoned, sawn in two, killed with the sword, destitute, afflicted, mistreated -- commended through their faith*

## 3. Water Baptism

- **Foundation:** Begin with declaring, "I belong to Jesus."
- **Growing:** Learning to live a new kind of life in Him.
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** put off the old, put on the new, use members as instruments of righteousness

## 4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- **Foundation:** Being filled with Jesus' Spirit pray in tongues
- **Growing:** Being guided and empowered by His Spirit.
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** Fruit of the spirit

## 5. Laying on of Hands

- **Foundation:** A tangible way of receiving Jesus' blessing or healing
- **Growing:** bless others, and equip for ministry
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** discernment to exercise spiritual authority responsibly- *Lay hands suddenly on no man*

## 6. Resurrection of the Dead

- **Foundation:** Believing there is life after death in Christ.
- **Growing:** Living with hope beyond this life.
  - *1Pe 1:3 – "He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus."*
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** Making choices that reflect eternal values over temporary ones.
  - *2Co 4:18 – "Fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is unseen is eternal."*

## 7. Eternal Judgment

- **Foundation:** Knowing Jesus cares how we live.
  - *Ecc 12:14 – "For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing."*
- **Growing:** Wanting to please Him in daily life.
  - *2Co 5:9 – "So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away."*
- **Skilled in Word of Righteousness:** Growing in integrity even when no one is watching.
  - *Luk 16:10 – "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."*

## Summary

### Learn and walk in these

Experience the ones you can now - Repentance, faith, water baptism, spirit baptism, Laying on hands

Teach them <https://sites.google.com/view/accdocrtrine/home?authuser=0>

Grow in maturity in each of the areas.