

The Elementary Doctrine of Christ Hebrews Pt 08

Heb 5:11-14 ESV About this [Melchizedec] 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/accdoctrine/home?authuser=0>

Grow in maturity in each of the areas.