

The Elementary Doctrine of Christ

Hebrews Pt 08

Heb 5:11-14 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.

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.

One who should be mature, but still a child

- 5:11 dull of hearing
- 5:12 you need someone to teach you
- Need milk - not solid food
- Unskilled in the word of righteousness

One who is mature

- Able to teach
- Able to eat solid food
- Powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil

Solution - Lay Foundation → Move 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

- 1) repentance from dead works and of
- 2) faith toward God, and of instruction about
- 3) washings, the
- 4) laying on of hands, the
- 5) resurrection of the dead, and
- 6) eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

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**,

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

Repentance

We begin by turning from sin to God

We grow by living a constant life of saying “yes”

Mature: Recognizing what pleases Christ and choosing it more quickly

Faith Toward God

We begin by trusting Jesus for salvation

We grow by learning to trust Jesus when life is hard

Mature by obeying Christ even when we don't understand everything

Water Baptism

Begin by declaring “I belong to Jesus”

Grow by learning to walk in newness of life

Mature because our actions reflect who we are in Christ -
use my members as instruments of righteousness

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Begin by being filled with Jesus' Spirit and speaking in tongues

Grow by being led and empowered by His Spirit

Relying on Jesus' power instead of our own strength -
seeing the fruit of the spirit grow

Laying on of Hands

A tangible way of receiving Jesus' blessing or healing

Growing by blessing others, and being equipped for ministry

Mature discernment to exercise spiritual authority responsibly - Lay hands suddenly on no man

Resurrection of the Dead

Begin by believing there is life after death in Christ.

Grow by living with hope beyond this life.

1Pe 1:3 – "He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus."

Mature by 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."

Eternal Judgment

Begin by knowing Jesus cares how we live.

Ecc 12:14 – "For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing."

Grow by 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."

Mature by 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."



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Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity

Hebrews 6:1

Introduction

Hebrews 5:12-6:3 rebukes believers who have grown dull of hearing, saying they "*ought to be teachers by now*" yet *still need "milk, not solid food."* They are urged to move onto maturity by first laying the foundations of these "elementary principles of Christ" in their own lives, then embracing the responsibility to teach others to do the same.



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Water Baptism

What Is Water Baptism?



*Water baptism was commanded by Jesus when He told us to, "go and make disciples of all nations, and **to baptize them**" [Mat 28:19-20](#). Baptism is not merely a personal choice but a command for believers, demonstrating we have personally trusted Jesus for our salvation. Jesus Himself was baptized, setting an example for us to follow.*

NOTE: Baptism comes from a Greek word βαπτίζω (baptizō) meaning to immerse, submerge, or dip in water. The word was used in the context of dyeing cloth in ancient times. When dyeing cloth, the fabric would be fully immersed in the dye to ensure it was thoroughly saturated and changed in color.

Why Is Water Baptism Important?



Who Should Be Baptized?



When Should Someone Be Baptized?



Where Does Baptism Take Place?

