The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ
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**Hebrews 6:1-3 AMP**

Therefore, let us go on and get past the **ELEMENTARY STAGE** in the teachings and **DOCTRINE OF CHRIST**, the Messiah, advancing steadily toward the **COMPLETENESS** and **PERFECTION** that belongs to **SPIRITUAL MATURITY**. Let us not again be laying the **FOUNDATION** of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism), and of the faith (by which you turned) to God, with teachings about purifying, the laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment and punishments. (These are all matters of which YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN FULLY AWARE LONG, LONG AGO.) If indeed God permits, we will (now) proceed (to advanced teaching).

If we are to be perfected (matured) in Him, we must leave these basics. That does not mean that we STOP teaching or practicing these blessed truths, but we must lay this solid **FOUNDATION** and then build God a house upon that base. Lay the foundation! Lay it well **(Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49)**! God will not issue you a heavenly “building permit” **(Hebrews 6:3)** until you do! The early Church built on the solid rock of the foundational teaching ministry of Jesus Christ: **(Hebrews 6:1-2)**

1. **REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS.**
(Acts 2:38; 5:31; 3:19; 8:22; 17:30; 26:20; 13:24; 19:4; 20:21)
2. **FAITH TOWARDS (UPON) GOD.**
(Acts 3:16; 6:5-8; 11:24; 13:8; 14:9,22-27; 15:9; 16:5; 20:21; 24:24; 26:18)
3. **DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS.**
(Acts 1:5; 2:38-41; 8:12-16,36-38; 11:16; 9:18; 10:46-48; 16:15,33; 18:8; 19:3-5; 22:16)
4. **LAYING ON OF HANDS.**
(Acts 4:30; 5:12; 6:6; 8:17-19; 9:12,17,41; 11:21; 11:30; 13:3; 14:3; 19:6; 28:8)
5. **ETERNAL JUDGMENT.**
(Acts 7:7; 8:33; 10:42; 13:46; 24:25; 1:15-26; 5:1-11; 13:6-12; 28:25-28)
6. **RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.**
(Acts 1:22; 2:31; 4:2,33; 17:18,32; 23:6-8; 2:24-32; 3:22-26; 13:22-23,30-37; 26:8; 7:37; 10:40; 17:31)

 **Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV**

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the house of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? **(Psalms 11:3)**

“When the pillars are overthrown…” (Rotherham).

“For when the foundations are broken down…” (Harrison).

“The pillars of the State are falling: what can a just man do?” (Moffatt)

God is building a mansion for Himself **(1 Chron. 29:1)**. He is creating a people who shall be the city and the habitation of God through the Spirit **(Matt. 5:14; Rev. 21:9-10; Eph. 2:19-22)**. How can we become God’s house without a solid foundation? Without the basics of His Kingdom **(Acts 3:19-21; Eph. 4:8-16; Heb. 10:12-13)?** The uncertain sound of a mixture of His truth and our tradition has leavened the whole lump, for as yet He still has no certain dwelling place **(1 Cor. 14:8; 5:6-8; Matt. 16:12; Isa. 66:1; 1 Cor. 4:11)**. The Lord Jesus still has no place to lay His Headship **(Matt. 8:20)**.

In this day when “new carts” are so prevalent **(1 Chron. 13:7)**, we must lay a solid foundation by removing all the dirt between us and the Rock. We must dig deep. After our foundation is tried **(Isa. 28:16)**, God will give us His building permit, for He will only honor His own building code **(Psa. 127:1)**! God is building a house, and He has commissioned a team of ARCHITECTS to see to it that this house of the King is brought to completion. They are ministries of **Eph. 4:11** (compare **1 Cor. 3:10** – “masterbuilder” is “archetekton” in the Greek). They have the authority of the King to carry out His Commission. The King has given nine different TOOLS (power tools at that!) to these architects (1 Cor. 12:8-10).

**“ANY HOUSE BUILT IN THE NAME OF THE KING THAT IS NOT CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN SHALL BE BURNED WITH FIRE!” (Jer. 23:29; 1 Cor. 3:1-15; Heb. 12:26-29)**