

## SOME FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES

Hebrews 6:1-3

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul has severely rebuked the Hebrew congregation for stopping short.
  - 1) They had not progressed in knowledge
  - 2) They were dull of hearing
  - 3) They had forgotten the first principles
  
- B. Paul encouraged them to grow
  - 1) They needed to progress to solid food
  - 2) They needed to form a habit of Bible study
  
- C. They needed to be taught the first principles
  - 1) They should have been teachers
  - 2) What are these first principles?
  - 3) They are the things we know first
  - 4) Not an order of importance
  
- I. The First Principles
  - A. *"Therefore leaving the principles of Christ,"*
    - 1) *"leaving"* = αφιημι = "to leave" This does not mean they should abandon them. These doctrines were not a stopping place.
    - 2) *"principles"* = αρχη = The beginning point
  
  - B. *"let us go on unto perfection,"*
    - 1) *"go on"* = φερω = "to bear one's self along, tend"
    - 2) *"perfection"* = τελειοτης = "completeness", "that which has reached its full and intended end"
    - 3) *"and be borne along to adult comprehension"*



C. *"not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and faith toward God."*

- 1) *"laying"* = καταβαλλω = "to throw down"
- 2) *"foundation"* = θεμελιος = "foundation", "fundamental"
- 3) "and not to be continually re-laying a foundation"
- 4) "of repentance from lifeless works and of faith in God"  
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D. *"of the doctrine of baptisms,"*

- 1) *"doctrinc"* = διδαχη = "teaching", "thing taught"
- 2) *"baptisms"* = βαπτισμος = "the washing", "Old Testament washings"
- 3) "instruction about different baptisms"      The baptism in water and in the Holy Spirit.

E. *"and of the laying on of hands"*

- 1) *"laying on"* = επιθεσις = "placing upon"
- 2) "teaching concerning laying on of hands"
- 3) In the New Testament this was the sign of the churches approval of a person's ministry. It was the sign of ordaining or sending forth.

F. *"and of the resurrection of the dead"*

- 1) *"resurrection"* = αναστασις = "a standing up"
- 2) 'The teaching concerning the resurrection

G. *"and of eternal judgment"*

- 1) *"judgment"* = κριμα = "judgment"
- 2) The judgment that eternity will bring to all men
- 3) *John 5:22*
- 4) *Acts 117:30-31*

## II. The Imperative To Grow

### A. "And this will we do, if God permit"

- 1) "And advance we will..."
- 2) "permit" = επιτρεπω = "to give or entrust to another"
- 3) "The Lord willing we will now advance to mature teaching"

### B. God's will for His people

- 1) The six principles listed
- 2) These are only the foundation
- 3) There is solid food to be eaten
- 4) Now the house must be built