

1Tim 4:13 ...give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine...

Heb 6:1 - 2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of

1 repentance from dead works, and of

2 faith toward God, [2] Of the

3 doctrine of baptisms, and of

4 laying on of hands, and of

5 resurrection of the dead, and of

6 eternal judgment.

1. Repentance (follows godly sorrow and leads to turning)

1.(Strong's 3340 *metanoëō* think differently afterwards - turn from dead works)

2.Dead works Gal 2:16 not by works of the law, 1Pe 4:3 works of the flesh

Rom 9:31-33 Israel pursued works without faith = dead works

Repent of faith in the wrong things Mat 3:7,8 But when John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his place of baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit, then, in keeping with repentance.

Repent of faith in heritage Luk 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to {our} father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

How important is our repentance to God? Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Reason for God's mercy and patience 2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Part of the great commission – Mat 28:19,20 and Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Gospel in practice Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

First two elementary principles Act 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Act 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and {then} to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Two types of sorrow – One common, one rare 2Co 7:9 - 10 [9] Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. [10] For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

True repentance hard to find and hard to keep Heb 6:5 - 7 [5] And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, [6] If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put {him} to an open shame. [7] For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

Repentance lost, in these cases, forever 2Th 2:10 - 12 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong

delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

See Act 28:26,27 re Isaiah's prophecy in Isa 6:9,10

2. Faith toward God – enough to obey

Little faith: Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, {shall he} not much more {clothe} you, O ye of little faith?

Silent faith Joh 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess {him}, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

Trembling faith Jam 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Source of true faith = the Word by grace of God

Joh 6:44 - 45 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me

The faith Act 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Act 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Faith is words to believe and obey Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, {even} in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Our faith Rom 10:17 So then faith {cometh} by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Some have no faith in the faith. Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard {it}.

The faith is also called God's grace Tit 2:11 - 12 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

3. Instruction of immersions – 6 or 7 of them, but only one effective according to Eph 4:4-6

a. John's immersion

Mark 1:4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Act 19:4

b. Immersion in the fire of judgment

Mat 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

c. Immersion unto Moses

1 Co 10:1,2 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud, and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea

Immersion in the Holy Spirit to establish and confirm revelation

Act 1:5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Act 11:15, Heb 2:4

Laying on of hands – in part to give gifts of spirit Act 8:18 Simon (simony = purchase or sale of ecclesiastical offices)

d. Immersion into Christ's suffering

Mat 10:38,39 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,

d1. For the dead - Suffering for the (spiritually dead Col 2:13) 1Co 15:29-31 Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

e. Into Christ Act 26:20 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.’

4. Laying on of hands

In part to give gifts of spirit Act 8:18 Simon (simony = purchase or sale of ecclesiastical offices) This is the normal manner that gifts of the Spirit were bestowed on men and women. 2Ti 1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands

Miraculous healing

Act 9:12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

Blessings with prayer

Mat 19:13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

5. Resurrection of the dead

Affects all people, good and evil

John 5:29 those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Mat 22:23-32 The Sadducees and the resurrection

1Cor 15 The nature, order and timing of the resurrection

1Thes 4 The final hour of time is described

6. Eternal judgment – same as Act 24:25 before Felix

Range of meaning for the noun judgment (krisis) John 5:24-29 justice, judgment, discernment, accusation, condemnation (2Th 1:5,6)

related to the verb (krino) to try, decide, condemn, punish

All appear before God Rom 14:10-12

Final day of judgment 1Jo 4:17 In this way, love has been perfected among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment; for in this world we are just like Him.

Great day of judgment Jude 1:6 and the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.