

Armed For War Lesson 6: The Six Foundational Doctrines of Christ

Hebrews 6

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Six Foundations:

1. **Repentance from Dead Works**
2. Faith Toward God
3. Doctrine of Baptisms
4. Laying on of Hands
5. Resurrection of the Dead
6. Eternal Judgment

Matthew 4

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- Jesus' First Message was about Repentance!

Isaiah 55

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Wicked = crooked or off course (not always Hitler or Bin Laden)

Way = course of life

If righteousness is equity with the character of God, unrighteousness is not living up to the character of God. Repentance is a call to change our thinking!

Thoughts >> Habits >> Character >> Destiny

Ezekiel 18

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

“Repent” is the same as “Turn and live”! He loves us so much that He wants us to be saved from the negative consequences of our own actions. Repentance means a change in thinking. It is not a condemning guilt trip or a shameful feeling about our past. If we feel bad it is because we realize the destructive results of our actions. What God wants is for us to change the way we think and act so that we don’t have to deal with the “death” of our homes, marriages, finances and relationships.

To repent of our sins means to have a different mindset towards them.

1 John 3

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 5

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

What is SIN? The essence of sin is the rejection of God’s legal right to authority over your life.

Sin begins as a thought inside the mind, then it manifests itself as an action or attitude.

**Repent:* to stop rejecting God’s legal authority, now you accept His legal right of authority*

In other words, if Jesus is not your Lord, He cannot be your SAVIOR!

Romans 10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Confess: to strike a covenant (make a contract with your mouth)

Lord: one who has legal right of authority over another

Hindus have over 10,000 gods, it is never an issue of whether they will accept Jesus as another "god". The issue is His Lordship, which demands that He be given authority as the ONLY God. Therefore, rejecting every other "god" (see Col. 2:10). Many whom we would call "backslidden" were never saved at all. They felt the Presence of God and cried a prayer of remorse, but they never truly repented and accepted the authority of God in their lives.