

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Elementary Principles

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Galatians – STRONG encouragement to stay with Jesus and the Gospel

- Galatians 4:3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.
- Galatians 4:9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

Colossians

- Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends upon human tradition, according to the basic [elementary] principles of the world, rather than on Christ.
- Colossians 2:20 Since you died with Christ to the basic [elementary] principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

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- Hebrews 5:12-6:3 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths [principles] of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.
6 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings [principles] about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ²instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And God permitting, we will do so.

Elementary Principles

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Of this world (Gal 4:3&9, Col 2:8&20)

Repentance from dead works

Faith toward God

Teachings about baptisms

Laying on of Hands

Resurrection from the dead

Eternal judgement

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Repentance from dead works

Turning to God from those things that do not produce the life of God in me or in others.

Because of the activity

Because of the process

Because of timing

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Faith toward God

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it's impossible to please God.

Faith is acting consistently with what God says no matter what the circumstances say.

We did not come into God's family by trusting our good works, we will not mature by trusting our good works.

That happens by having confidence in what God says!

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Teachings about baptisms

The denotation of the word "Baptism" means to dip under or to wash. But the connotation always means to "be identified with."

Five "baptisms" 1) the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus 2) the Body of Christ 3) water 4) the Holy Spirit and 5) suffering

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Laying on of Hands

Signifies a transfer – of sin, of spiritual gifts, of blessings, of health, etc.

We all have something we need from others.

We all have things we can give to others.

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Resurrection from the dead

Believing that this life is not all there is – death is not the end

Remembering the reality of Jesus' resurrection

Understanding how His resurrection impacts us right now

Knowing Jesus can give new life to anything that is dead

About Christ (Heb 6:1-2)

Eternal judgement

There is a God in Heaven who will judge the actions of us on Earth

People are eternal beings

What I do matters to God and to others

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Sensitivity to God's Spirit

Confidence in what God says

My identity is in Christ

I have something to impart to others

Jesus brings dead things to life

What we do now matters

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Of this world (Gal 4:3&9, Col 2:8&20)

No need for me to repent of anything

My confidence is in my word

I identify with the world's standards

Nothing from you, nothing for you

All we have is this life

I can do whatever I want with no consequence

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Elementary Principles of Christ

- Hebrews 6:3