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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

“The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ” are the ‘Foundational Principles’ of Christianity. They have been given by Jesus Christ to all Christians.

These “Principles” are made up of the “Doctrine” that was given to God the Son Jesus, by God the Father.

John 7:16

16 Jesus answered them, and said, **My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.**

“The Doctrine of Christ”, is established not just in ‘Word’ only, but also in ‘Power’. The way we can recognize those who are established in “The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ”, is not just by their ‘Words’, but through the ‘Power’ they demonstrate by the Holy Ghost.

Luke 4:32

32 **And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.**

1Thes 1:5

5 **For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost,**

A Christian must be ‘Mature’ to understand these “Principles”. Novices need to be trained in them.

Isa 28:9

9 **Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.**

Some who have been Christians for a long time still do not understand “The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ”. This is because they have either not been taught, or they continue to have need of milk and will not grow up!

Heb 5:12

12 **For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.**

It is important that we as Christians continue to grow in the 'Word of God' to help us to be able to handle strong meat, and thereby learn and understand "The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ".

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

Amen!

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 repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

I. THE MEANING OF THE KEY WORDS:

To more fully understand the Scriptures concerning "The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ", the following is the meaning of the key words in Hebrews 6:1-2:

The following key words are explained in the Dictionary in English.

Principles:

1. An accepted or professed rule of action or conduct. 2. A fundamental law, axiom, or doctrine. 3. A personal or specific basis of conduct or management. 4. A guiding sense of the requirements and obligations of right conduct. 5. The method of formation, operation, or procedure exhibited in a given instance. 6. A determining characteristic of something: essential quality. 7. An originating or actuating agency or force.

Doctrine:

1. A particular principle, position, or policy taught or advocated, as a religion. 2. A body or system of teachings relating to a particular subject: the doctrine of a Church.

Foundation:

1. The basis or groundwork of anything: the moral foundation of both society and religion. 2. The natural or prepared ground or base on which some structure rests.

The following key words are explained in the Greek.

Principles:

746 arche (ar-khay');

from 756; (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank):

KJV-- beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, **principle**, rule.

Doctrine:

3056 logos (log'-os);

from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV-- account, cause, communication, X concerning, **doctrine**, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

Foundation:

2310 themelios (them-el'-ee-os);

from a derivative of 5087; something put down, i.e. a substruction (of a building, etc.), (literally or figuratively):

KJV-- **foundation**.

II. REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS:

'Repentance from Dead Works' means that if we will Repent and get Saved, by believing in Jesus Christ, we will begin to Serve Jesus and do 'Works' for Him.

(Ephesians 2:8-10 Titus 2:14 James 2:20, 26)

Until we get Saved, the 'works' that we do are 'Dead'!

The following key word about 'Repentance' is explained in the Dictionary in English.

Repentance:

Deep sorrow, compunction, or contrition for a past sin, wrongdoing, or error.

The following key word is explained in the Greek.

Repentance:

3341 metanoia (met-an'-oy-ah);

from 3340; (subjectively) compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication reversal (of [another's] decision):

KJV-- **repentance**.

As we all know, we cannot work our way to Heaven; however, once we are Saved, we are expected to do 'good works' that are worthy of our Repentance.

Acts 26:20

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.**

It is the Blood of Christ that ‘will’ purge us from doing ‘Dead Works’, and to Serve the Living God.

Heb 9:14

14 **How much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?

We are to walk worthy of the Lord and Please Him, by being fruitful in all our works for Him.

Col 1:10

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, **being fruitful in every good work**, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

III. FAITH TOWARD GOD:

‘Faith’ is something that is real. It is something that we hope for. It is a substance that is the evidence of something that cannot be seen.

The following key word about ‘Faith’ is explained in the Dictionary in English.

Faith:

1. Confidence or trust in a person or thing. 2. Belief that is not based on proof.
3. Belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion. 4. A system of religious belief. 5. The obligation of loyalty or fidelity to a person, promise, engagement, etc.
6. The observance of this obligation; fidelity to one’s promise, oath, allegiance, etc.

The following key word is explained in the Greek.

Faith:

4102 pistis (pis'-tis);

from 3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:

KJV-- assurance, belief, believe, **faith**, fidelity.

‘Faith Toward God’ is not referring to the Faith that is a ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ nor is it the Faith that is a ‘Gift of the Spirit’. Instead, it means the ‘Faith’ that we must have to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Galatians 5:22 1 Corinthians 12:1, 9)

‘Faith’ is the substance and evidence of our belief in God:

Heb 11:1

1 **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Jesus is the author and finisher of that 'Faith'.

Heb 12:1-4

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Paul taught about 'Faith' toward Jesus Christ:

Acts 20:20-21

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

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

We are in a War, and we are to fight for that 'Faith'.

1 Tim 6:12

12 **Fight the good fight of faith,** lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

IV. DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS:

'The Doctrine of Baptisms' refers to the several types of Baptisms mentioned in the Bible, however, there is only 'One' Baptism into Christ! Since the Greek word 'baptismos' refers to washing or immersing, there can be and are, several other Baptisms. These refer to this washing or immersing and do not refer to the 'One' Baptism into Christ.

The following key words about 'Doctrine and Baptism' are explained in the Dictionary in English.

Doctrine:

1. A particular principle, position, or policy taught or advocated, as of a religion. 2. A body or system of teachings relating to a particular subject: the doctrine of a Church.

Baptism:

1. A ceremonial immersion in water, or application of water, as an initiatory rite or sacrament of the Christian Church. 2. Any similar ceremony or action of initiation, dedication, etc.

Baptism of Fire:

1. Spiritual sanctification as a gift of the Holy Ghost. 2. The first experience of a soldier in combat. 3. Any severe ordeal that tests one's endurance.

The following key words are explained in the Greek.

Doctrine:

1322 didache (did-akh-ay');
from 1321; instruction (the act or the matter):
KJV-- **doctrine**, hath been taught.

The word 'Doctrine' here is not Logos. It is 'didache' in the Greek, which means the instruction or what has been taught about Baptisms.

Baptism:

909 baptisimos (bap-tis-mos');
from 907; ablution (ceremonial or Christian):
KJV-- **baptism**, washing.

907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo);
from a derivative of 911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet);
used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance
of Christian baptism:
KJV-- **Baptist**, **baptize**, wash.

A. BAPTISM OF JESUS:

Although Jesus was without sin, it behooved Him to be Baptized in water as an example to all believers.

Matt 3:13-17

13 **Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.**

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

B. BAPTISM INTO CHRIST:

As the Scriptures teach, there is only 'One' Baptism; however, this refers to the 'One' 'Baptism into Christ'. This means there is only 'One' way to God, and that is through His Son Jesus Christ.

Eph 4:4-5

4 **There is one body**, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, **one baptism**,

Gal 3:27

27 **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

'The Baptism into Christ' is the only Baptism that can Save us!

Mark 16:16

16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

1 Pet 3:21

21 **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

C. BAPTISM IN WATER:

The 'Baptism in Water' is something we as Christians should do. Although it does not Save us, it certainly is ordained by God for us to experience.

Matt 28:19

19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Acts 8:36-38

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and **the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

37 And **Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: **and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.**

The 'Baptism in Water' may follow the 'Baptism with the Holy Ghost'. There is no special order in 'Baptism'.

Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost fell on all them** which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

46 **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.** Then answered Peter,

47 **Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**

48 **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.**

D. BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE:

John the Baptist ministered 'The Baptism of Repentance' for the remission of sins; this was done through the immersing in water.

Matt 3:6

6 **And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.**

Mark 1:4

4 **John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.**

Mark 11:30

30 **The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.**

Luke 3:3

3 **And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;**

Acts 13:24

24 **When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.**

Although Jesus did not 'Baptize' anyone physically, He used His Disciples as vessels to do it, just as He uses us today to do it.

John 4:1-2

1 **When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,**

2 **(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)**

John spoke of 'Baptizing' with water for Repentance, and of Jesus 'Baptizing' with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Matt 3:11

11 **I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

E. BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST:

The following Scriptures explain the difference between John's 'Baptism of Repentance' and 'The Baptism with the Holy Ghost'.

John 1:29

29 The next day **John seeth Jesus** coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:33-34

33 And I knew him not: but **he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**

34 **And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.**

Acts 1:5

5 **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence.

Acts 11:15-16

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 **Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

When praying for 'believers' to be Baptized with the Holy Ghost, we should do so in the Name of the Lord Jesus, since Jesus Baptizes with the Holy Ghost,

Acts 19:1-5

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, **We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.**

3 And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.**

4 Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance,** saying unto the people, **that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**

5 **When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

F. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST:

When we become 'born again', we as Christians are all 'Baptized' into the 'One' 'Body of Christ' by God the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 12:12-13

12 For as **the body is one,** and hath many members, **and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body:** so also is Christ.

13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Eph 4:4

4 **There is one body, and one Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

G. BAPTISM INTO DEATH:

We Christians are also ‘Baptized into Jesus’ Death’ just as Jesus had to be ‘Baptized into Death’. Therefore, we are dead in Christ and should no more sin ‘presumptuously’.
(Psalms 19:13)

Rom 6:3-4

3 **Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**

4 **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:** that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even **so we also should walk in newness of life.**

Col 2:12-13

12 **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, **being dead in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**

H. BAPTISM OF SUFFERINGS:

The following Scriptures refer to the ‘Baptism of Sufferings’ that Jesus went through. We too will go through ‘Sufferings’.

Mark 10:38-39 Matthew 20:22-23

38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: **can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?**

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, **Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:**

I. BAPTISM OF THE CROSS:

Jesus speaks about His ‘Baptism of the Cross’, which was His Crucifixion. Some of His disciples were also crucified on the Cross as well.

Luke 12:50

50 **But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!**

J. BAPTISM IN THE CLOUD AND THE SEA:

The 'Baptism in the Cloud and the Sea', refers to the Children of Israel during the Exodus. They were all led by a Cloud in the day, and all walked through the midst of the Sea when crossing the Red Sea.

Those that were 'Baptized unto Moses', were then 'Baptized in the Cloud and the Sea'.

1 Cor 10:1-2

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that **all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;**

2 **And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;**

V. LAYING ON OF HANDS:

The 'Laying on of Hands' by Christians as God's vessels, is used for various purposes in the Ministry. It should always be done by 'Mature' Christians and not by novices.

The following key word about 'The Laying on of Hands' is explained in the Dictionary in English.

Laying on of hands:

1. To set, place, or apply to or on: to lay a hand on someone. 2. A rite in which a cleric's hands touch the person to be ordained, healed, etc. 3. The placing of the hands, as of a faith healer, upon a person to be cured.

The following key word is explained in the Greek.

Laying:

1936 epithesis (ep-ith'-es-is);

from 2007; an imposition (**of hands officially**):

KJV-- **laying (putting) on.**

A. LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR HEALING, SIGNS AND WONDERS:

The following Scriptures refer to the 'Laying on of Hands' for Healing and Signs and Wonders:

Acts 4:29-30

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and **grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

30 **By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done** by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 28:8

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom **Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.**

Acts 5:12

12 **And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;** (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Acts 14:3

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, **and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.**

B. LAYING ON OF HANDS TO COMMISSION FOR AN OFFICE:

Deacons:

Acts 6:3-6

3 Wherefore, brethren, **look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.**

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 **Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.**

C. LAYING ON OF HANDS TO COMMISSION TO GO OUT:

Prophets and Teachers:

Acts 13:1-4

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain **prophets and teachers;** as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 **And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

4 **So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost,** departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

D. LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST:

The 'Laying on of Hands', is one of the ways we may receive the 'Baptism with the Holy Ghost'.

Acts 8:17-18

17 **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

18 And when Simon saw **that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given,** he offered them money,

Acts 9:17-18

17 **And Ananias** went his way, and entered into the house; **and putting his hands on him said**, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and **be filled with the Holy Ghost**.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: **and he received sight** forthwith, and arose, **and was baptized**.

Acts 19:6

6 And **when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them**; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

VI. RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD:

Our hope as Christians lies in the fact that there 'will' be a 'Resurrection of the Dead'.

The following key word about 'The Resurrection' is explained in the Dictionary in English.

Resurrection:

1. The act of rising from the dead. 2. The rising of Christ after His death and burial. 3. The rising of the dead on Judgment Day. 4. The state of those risen from the dead. 5. A rising again, as from decay or disuse; revival.

The following key word is explained in the Greek.

Resurrection:

386 anastasis (an-as'-tas-is);

from 450; a standing up again, i.e. (literally) **a resurrection from death** (individual, genitive case or by implication [its author]), or (figuratively) a (moral) recovery (of spiritual truth):

KJV-- raised to life again, **resurrection, rise from the dead, that should rise, rising again**.

According to the Scriptures, 'The Resurrection of the Dead' began with Jesus Christ's Resurrection. We too will be Bodily 'Resurrected' at His Coming. If we die before His Coming, our Spirits will go to Heaven, but not our bodies.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

A. JESUS STATED:

Jesus stated about the 'Resurrection of the Dead' in the following Scriptures.

John 5:21

21 For as **the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them**; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

John 5:24-29

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 **Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,**

29 **And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

B. PAUL STATED:

Paul stated about the 'Resurrection of the Dead' in the following Scriptures.

Acts 24:14-15

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 **And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**

1 Cor 15:12-23

12 **Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?**

13 **But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:**

14 **And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.**

15 **Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.**

16 **For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:**

17 **And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

18 **Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.**

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 **But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.**

21 **For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

VII. ETERNAL JUDGMENT:

We believe in 'Eternal Judgment'. We believe that all mankind will be 'Judged for Eternity'; the 'unbelievers' at 'The Great White Throne Judgment' of God and the 'believers' at 'The Judgment Seat of Christ'.

The following key words dealing with 'Eternal Judgment' are explained in the Dictionary in English.

Eternal:

1. Without beginning or end; lasting forever; always existing: eternal life. 2. Perpetual; ceaseless; endless. 3. Enduring; immutable: eternal principles. 4. Existing outside all relations of time; not subject to change. 5. Something that is eternal. 6. The eternal, God.

Judgment:

1. An act or instance of judging. 2. The ability to judge, make a decision, or form an opinion objectively or wisely; good sense; discernment. 3. The demonstration or exercise of such capacity. 4. The forming of an opinion, estimate, notion, or conclusion. 5. The opinion formed. 6. A judicial decision given by a judge or court. 7. The obligation or debt, arising from a judicial decision. 8. A misfortune regarded as inflicted by divine sentence, as for sin. 9. Last Judgment.

The following key words are explained in the Greek.

Eternal:

166 aionios (ahee-o'-nee-os);
from 165; perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well):
KJV-- **eternal, for ever, everlasting**, world (began).

Judgment:

2917 krima (kree'-mah);
from 2919; a decision (the function or the effect, for or against ["crime"]):
KJV-- **avenge, condemned, condemnation, damnation**, + go to law, **judgment**.

A. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT OF GOD:

'Eternal Judgment' will take place for the 'unbelievers' at 'The Great White Throne Judgment of God'. They will be Judged according to their works as written in 'The Books'.

Ps 9:7-8

7 But **the LORD** shall endure for ever: he **hath prepared his throne for judgment**.

8 **And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.**

Rev 20:11-15

11 **And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.**

12 **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

13 **And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.**

14 **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

15 **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

B. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST:

'The Judgment Seat of Christ' is where all 'believers', the 'True' Christians, will be Judged out of 'The Book of Life'.

They will be Judged for their works as Christians for their 'rewards', but not for life or death.

Rom 14:10

10 **But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

Rom 14:12

12 **So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

2 Cor 5:10

10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

C. THE DIFFERENCE OF THE TWO.

There are those of us that are ordained to 'Eternal Life' because we 'choose' to believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God; but there are those that 'choose' to be unworthy of 'Eternal Life' because of their unbelief.

Acts 13:46-48

46 **Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.**

47 **For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**

48 **And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.**

We Christians are Called to 'Eternal Life'.

Heb 9:15

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, **they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

Rev 17:14

14 ...for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: **and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

Christ shed His Blood for us for the remission of our sins.

Heb 9:22

22 And almost all things are by the law **purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

And Christ is in Heaven making intercession for those of us who believe in Him.

Heb 9:24

24 **For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

We are all appointed once to die, but then we will all be 'Judged'; therefore, we need to Repent of our Sins!

Heb 9:27-28

27 **And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

28 **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

VIII. ABIDING IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST:

The proof that we are Saved is when we abide in "The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ". If we do not, we do not have the 'True and Living God' and 'His Son Jesus Christ'.

II Jn 1:9-11

9 **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**

10 **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:**

11 **For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**

IX. LET US MOVE ON TO PERFECTION:

Even though we as Christians are to abide in “The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ”, there comes a time that we must grow up and ‘Move on unto Perfection’.

The following key word about ‘Perfection’ is explained in the Dictionary in English.

Perfection:

1. The state or quality of being or becoming perfect. 2. The highest degree of proficiency, skill, or excellence. 3. A perfect embodiment of something. 4. A quality, trait, or feature of the highest degree of excellence. 5. The highest or most nearly perfect degree of a quality or trait. 6. The act or fact of perfecting.

The following key word is explained in the Greek.

Perfection:

5051 **teleiotes (tel-i-o-tace’)**;
from 5048; a **completer**, i.e. consummator:
KJV-- **finisher**.

‘Moving on to Perfection’ does not mean that we give up “The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ”; but as ‘Mature’ Christians, we do not have to continue discussing or questioning them. Instead, because these “Principles” are burned into our hearts, we can move on into a higher dimension of God, which is His ‘Perfection’ of the Saints.

Heb 6:1-3

- 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.**
- 3 **And this will we do, if God permit.**

The prayer of Timothy II is for your ‘Perfection’.

Matt 5:48

48 **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

Col 4:12

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a **servant of Christ**, saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**

2 Cor 13:9

9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and **this also we wish, even your perfection.**

2 Cor 13:11

11 **Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect,** be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

1 Pet 5:10-11

10 **But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect,** stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 **To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

X. WARNING:

A 'Warning' from the Lord is that not everyone that professes that they are living in "The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ" is doing so. Mark them and avoid them!

Rom 16:17-18

17 **Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

18 **For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ,** but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Eph 4:14-15

14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

Therefore my Brethren:

1 Tim 4:16

16 **Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

CONCLUSION:

In Conclusion, we pray that you as Christians and Christian Leaders will continue in "The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ". We pray that you will go on to complete what you have started, knowing that God will not forget your labor of Love and your 'ministering' to the Saints.

Heb 6:10-12

10 **For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

11 **And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:**

12 **That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

For God is the 'Anchor of our Soul' and Our Hope!

Heb 6:17-20

17 **Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:**

18 **That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:**

19 **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;**

20 **Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

And we can enter through the Vail in the time of need and be washed clean. Therefore let us hold fast our professing of our Faith without wavering.

Heb 10:19-23

19 **Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,**

20 **By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

21 **And having an high priest over the house of God;**

22 **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

23 **Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)**

And let the God of Peace, make you 'perfect' in every good work to do His Will!

Heb 13:20-25

20 **Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,**

21 **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

22 **And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.**

23 **Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.**

24 **Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.**

25 **Grace be with you all. Amen.**

AMEN!

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