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The Basic
Doctrines
of
Christ

that leads you to the Kingdom of Heaven

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the kingdom pathway of eternal rest

THE BASIC DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

That forms the foundation for your proper growth till you get to Heaven.

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This book is dedicated to all who took time to lay the solid foundation of the Christian faith in my life from secondary school to higher institution, they labored on me, putting the structure on ground upon which the Lord is now raising his edifice.

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PREFACE

The essence of this material is to allow proper understanding to be given to you in the midst of confusion of what it means to be well rooted in Christ.

Take note of the fact that whatever has no foundation has no future. Whatever will last the test of time needs a solid foundation. Therefore, the matter of the basic doctrine of Christ is so crucial, it is the foundation upon which every believer must be built upon.

When the birth process of a believer is faulty, the growth will also be faulty, and the outcome of his/her experience will be faulty as well. Many suffer too long struggling to attain proper spiritual growth, struggling to gain tangible experience that makes God very real, the Christian Faith becomes boring and uninteresting, and they cannot boldly say like apostle John *that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen... and our hands have handled, of the word of life 1 John1:1.*

The matter of foundation is very foundational. And when any man in Christ is not built on the Basic doctrines of Christ the results are colossal.

Don't assume you know the truth that will be presented to you in this material, even if you know them, you will be re-taught with freshness, maintain the attitude of a learner. **You will do well to pay attention if you are serious about eternity.**

Your brother,

***Olugbenga Elton Adebajo
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CHAPTER ONE

REVISITING THE FOUNDATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

Hebrews 6:1-6 kjv

*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**. And this will we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 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.*

Looking at this scripture from New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works and of **faith toward God**, **instruction about baptisms**, the **laying on of hands**, **the resurrection of the dead**, and **eternal judgment**. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Take note that the word BASIC can also be called Primary, elementary and FOUNDATION.

The basic doctrines of Christ as outlined in the scripture above are six and they are:

- Repentance from dead works.
- Faith toward God.
- Doctrine of baptisms.

- **Laying on of hands.**
- **Resurrection of the dead.**
- **Eternal judgment.**

The first lessons to learn when you come into the Christian faith by receiving Christ as your Lord and savior are the first six doctrines mentioned in Hebrews 6:1-2. These are the first lessons for a new believer.

When the first thing you are being taught is about wealth, Success, Academic excellence, and other self-motivating teachings then you are been misled. If you're not rooted in these first lessons, it means you don't have a foundation, what is a lesson? A lesson is something to be learnt. In primary or Basic school, teachers give you lessons because at the end of every lesson, there will be an exercise, homework/assignments, and correction.

Coming to Christ at salvation is not just coming to listen to lectures but to receive PRACTICAL lessons. That's why Jesus says Take my yoke upon you, and ***learn of me***; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Mat 11:29). So, don't think of other lessons if you're not first rooted in these first lessons of the basic doctrines of Christ.

New king James translation said, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles, ***let us go unto perfection not laying again...*** this connotes that we cannot keep learning all these first lessons forever. After 10 years you can't keep saying am still learning the first lessons. You are expected to move on to Maturity, that is what the bible call perfection...

God forbid in the name of our Lord Jesus that my daughter spend more than six years in elementary school. And she keep saying I just like elementary school I don't want to go to secondary school. After primary school, what is next? Secondary, after secondary, there is tertiary.

But we need to revisit the matter of the basic doctrine of Christ because what we see with the lifestyle of several Christians around us is appalling and terrible and that may include you, several Christians have a lot of questionable issues and have not overcome the life of sin, this makes several unbelievers to doubt the essence of why we have said we received Christ Jesus. This has brought shame and contempt to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and because some other Christians lack assurance in their relationship with the Lord.

Then it is crucial to bend again to address the matter of this crack that is now notable in several lives, because what is basic is basic and what is foundational is foundational.

When this is neglected the results and outcome will not lead to strength and stability of men and women and will not make you function properly as the salt and the light of the world which Jesus Christ said you ought to be. Now let's look at the basic doctrines of Christ that forms the correct foundation for your Christian living.

A building without a solid foundation is a joke, because its fall can be any day.

CHAPTER TWO

REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS.

REPENTANCE

This is the first and most important lesson to learn as a Christian because it is upon this that every other lessons are built upon, you must not joke with it because the patriarchs of our Christian faith and apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ were commanded by Christ to preach repentance, the message of the gospel is the good news of the birth of Christ, what he did on the cross, his resurrection, his ascension and return to the earth. But to gain access into that which heaven has released unto the earth through the person of our Lord Jesus Christ the entry point is **REPENTANCE from dead works and that is done by faith.**

Repentance is the gateway and access into everything God has packaged for you in Christ Jesus, if you miss this understanding as the first basic foundation of your faith in Christ, you have missed an important matter. The experience of salvation begins with the foundation of repentance.

What did John the Baptist preach? Repentance. What did Jesus preached also? Repentance. What did Peter preached on the day of Pentecost? Repentance. Look at the following scriptures:

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Act 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 11:18 *When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.*

Act 13:24 *When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.*

In Luke 24:47 Jesus Christ clearly stated that the gospel must be preached that men may repent and that their sins are cleansed and removed if they believe. Repentance is the first core doctrine of the faith. If you claim to be born again without repentance you really have not heard the gospel correctly.

Repentance from sin is necessary to every man who will receive the Life of Christ. Reason is because the major challenge between man and God is SIN:

What is sin?

Sin in Greek is (hamartia) and according to Thayer definition it means:

to miss the mark, to err, be mistaken, to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong, to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, that which is done wrong, an offence, a violation of the divine law in thought or in act collectively...

Let us therefore study together to see light in this matter.

The sin of Adam was disobedience to a divine law, it was rebellion to God's authority and every authority must test loyalty in her subjects. The reason why instructions are given is to test your obedience.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil that Adam and eve ate was actually not the problem, that tree was created by God, the violation of God's instruction not to eat was the issue. *(See detail teaching from our book The Genesis of Genesis @ www.seedsowersmedia.com or www.tofinishthetask.org).*

God gave Adam and eve instruction to test their loyalty. God left them in the garden and only visits them, it was intentional because He wanted to know their choice he wanted to test their loyalty, He did not supervise them, you cannot claim an attainment in holy Living when you are supervised, that will be supervised holiness. If God was present in the garden, would Adam and eve had eaten of the tree which God commanded them not to eat? No. The true test of your personality is when no one is watching. God leaving them in the garden to make their choice was to proof their allegiance.

The works of the flesh is sin ***Galatians 5 vs 19 – 21***

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Therefore, when any of these in ***Galatians 5 vs 19 – 21*** is found in any life, that person is disobeying the instruction of God. And you must note another thing that makes man a sinner even if he or she behaves morally well, it is that ***sin is not just what you do, it is the nature of anybody who does not believe and trust in what Jesus Christ did on the cross of Calvary.***

In ***Romans 5:12***, the Bible says:

Wherefore, as by one-man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

From the above scripture, we understand that we all inherited the sinful nature from Adam and no matter what, anyone who has not seen by faith the light of salvation

through the finished works of Christ cannot help but commit sin; and until you see that each time you commit sin, no matter how small you think it may be, you are operating in death. Therefore, because of this inherited sinful nature, there is a need for repentance.

Jesus clearly warned in **Luke 13:3**

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

What is repentance?

The Greek is '*metanoia*' and according to Thayer Definition:

Repentance can be defined as a change of mind, as it appears to one who repents of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done.

You need to be careful of some men who preach grace but does not include repentance, the grace of our Lord that brings salvation causes you to repent, if truly you understand the grace of God. Grace comes to you the way you are, but changes you from the way you are to the way you ought to be in Christ.

So, when we say repentance is necessary. It means you must repent from a life that does not Bend or submit under the authority of God.

To repent is to have a change of mind from sin and from your personal ways so as to submit to the authority of God and that means you must confess and accept the Lordship of Christ.

When you confess and receive Jesus as Lord, you are submitting to a government. The word Lord connotes government. In Rom 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.

The word confess connotes that you agree to come under the Lordship of Jesus, his authority, and you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead to represent you.

The root word for Lord means **owner** when you come under Christ's government, **AS YOUR LORD**. It means you now belong to him, everything negative and sinful in your former life must be dropped, you must have a complete change of mindset, you can't keep girlfriends or boyfriends...etc. you cannot lie about your O' level result again, if you cheated to get your result you must open up, I had to make that decision by writing WAEC through an e-mail of how I cheated in my O'level examination which was done in weakness of my faith and because I don't want to keep with me what I am afraid to confess. When I did the confession to WAEC I got my peace. When the Lord moves your heart to confess and turn away from something negative, or to return a stolen material, please do it. That's restitution, restitution is part of repentance. Because it is a sign that you have truly repented.

Should a sinful friend buy you a phone or any material thing, and you have received the gospel genuinely, that phone or material must be returned willingly.

Take note of this word: **Restitution is not the criteria to be saved but a proof that you're genuinely saved.**

Example is Zaccheus. He returned all that he's taken. **(Luke 9:8)** How can you steal something and you claimed you've repented and you didn't return it. Whatever is in your custody that you got before you got saved wrongfully, you will need to do away with them.

I once spent church money. God rebuked me. I went back to the fellowship and gave them back their money.

The criteria is not that until you retribute, you won't get to heaven. No. But if you have genuinely repented, you won't keep stolen items.

Under this new government old things are passed away, all things are now new. May the revelation of his government enter into your spirit man in Jesus name.

Many people you see in church are not saved but are just part of the crowd. Answering the altar call is not the same as been born again. You can answer the altar call without repenting because to repent means to abandon the former government of sin and the world. **Repentance connotes coming under an authority.** The authority of Christ. You might have answered the altar call several times, singing that you surrendered to Christ, but without repentance, you surrendered nothing and you received nothing, you just sang a song.

Don't be a moralist thinking that you are holy because you have good parents who introduced you to church, your parents don't fight, and nobody commits fornication. You grew up like that and you think you were saved. A lot of moralist will go to hell fire. They will be shocked.

Moralist don't know that iniquity is a nature that we inherited from Adam not just an act.

When you expose all sinful lifestyle and you turn away from them that is repentance. When you've truly repented, you won't be afraid of telling your negative past because you have left it. And Christ now dwells in you.

Have you truly repented from your sins? You may not be able to tell in detail the year, month, day and exact minutes you answer altar call. Angels don't rejoice over that. Angels only rejoice when you genuinely repent and come under the new government of Christ.

Under whose government are you?

When you come under his government, there are certain attitude this government of Christ will take away.

There are sinful Sunday school teacher, terrible choir members, wicked deacons, strange pastors, who have not repented. How can a pastor rape a girl on top of the pulpit? Yet he will still carry the microphone preaching Christ. That's terrible!

I heard a story of two people who use to speak in tongues before they commit sexual immorality. And everybody passing will think they are praying. One day rain began to fall and thunder entered the room where they were committing sin and struck them dead. True life story!

When the pulpit is corrupted, the congregation will be likewise.

When Satan rebelled in heaven, what was done to him? He was dethroned.

If you want to bring nonsense to the church of God. The Holy Spirit will fish you out and deal with you like he did to Ananias and Sapphira, those days are returning. Yes God is love but He is also a holy and a righteous judge.

When people are genuinely weak in their faith and they make mistakes, and they seek for help it's different. The Holy Spirit will not cut such people away.

When holiness returns to the church, it's because repentance has returned to its proper place.

God is love but he hates pretense and pretenders. God is willing to help your genuine weakness not your pretenses. The question still is Have you truly repented?

Repentance also results in to building a conviction of the new life you have received in Christ.

CONVICTION

Conviction is a resolute decision of not turning back into sin, this comes with the help of the Holy Spirit. If you have parents who are servants of Christ, don't accept morality as righteousness. You must build a conviction for your faith. And conviction is based on revelation of who Christ is, it is a solid assurance in your heart. You must develop a conviction that will not take bribe or compromise or cheat. A conviction that you will not defile yourself until you marry. You can rebuild your conviction if you've lost it. Conviction is built out of intimacy with the Holy Spirit and the foundation for proper conviction is repentance.

I like the song that says..... Don't turn around to the things you left behind

Build a conviction like Daniel, Joseph, and Paul. Don't compromise.

Go and study the revivals of Charles G Finney and Charles spurgeon. Go and see the transformation that happened in entire lands *because of the principles of purity and repentance.*

Jesus clearly warned in **Luke 13:3**

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Bow your heart in serious prayer and respond to this basic foundation the Lord is willing to hear you.

To walk victoriously above sin read The settled matter of sin@
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CHAPTER THREE

FAITH TOWARDS GOD.

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.

(Heb 4:2)

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
(Eph 2:8)*

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
(Heb 11:6)*

WHAT IS BELIEVE AND WHAT IS FAITH?

Believe is related to faith but a little bit different from Faith.

BELIEVE:

Man is a natural believer, every human being on the surface of the Earth believes in something if their belief is not attached to a divine spirit being, it will be attached to something else. For example you believe in the date of birth that your parents told you that you were born without being there yourself. Human beings travel in vehicles with a natural belief that those vehicles will carry them to their destination, we fly in the airplane with a natural believe that it will work and not drop down from the sky.

We believe in what our teachers and lecturers tells us in class without being there when those experiments were first conducted by scientists or researchers in the first place. Man is a believer and because he is so, he must believe in something.

Man has the clear choice to choose on what he wants to believe in, that's why today there are those who don't believe in God and there are also those who choose to believe in him. But to you a Christian you are a believer and so naturally you can believe anything that you choose to believe in the only limitation to the believe of the natural man is that it is based on reason, feeling and experience.

Man even have the capacity to believe in things he cannot see, once he can be convinced through logical reasoning and if the object of believe seems to be accepted by reputed people in the place of authority for instance, Charles Darwin's theory of evolution being taught in several schools today is believed by millions of people because the repetition of those lies have been institutionalized by the educational system of the world. Man is a natural believer he was made so by God. But his natural believe is limited but yet needed for Faith to find expression.

FAITH

Check through the following translations of scriptures and see what faith is from Hebrews 11:1

BBE: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the sign that the things not seen are true.

EasyEnglish: If we believe God, we can be completely sure about things. We will be sure about the things that we hope for. We will be sure about things that we cannot see.

ISV: Now faith is the assurance that what we hope for will come about and the certainty that what we cannot see exists.

NET: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see.

NHEB: Now faith is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

WEB: Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen.

The key point to note is in the third verse of Hebrews chapter 11 it says

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

WEB: *By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible.*

Though repentance is spoken of as the first doctrine you must learn, but yet the doctrine of faith is actually the bedrock upon which everything you will experience in God and about God is laid. *Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1)* Faith makes real the unreal, makes possible the impossible, and makes tangible the intangible.

It is by Faith you contact and connect with God, *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17).*

Faith is connected to the word of God, Faith is ministered to the heart of Man through the agency of the word of God. When there is no word of God being ministered to the heart of a man, there is no faith, faith comes by hearing the word of God. Faith is a gift of God to man that makes man to understand the doings of God, the ways of God, the plan of God, the purposes of God and it enables you to journey with God who is divine and whose ways are past findings.

It is by Faith that you can touch God as real, walking in the invisible as if it is visible such an example is ENOCH, in Hebrews 11:5

BBE: *By faith Enoch was taken up to heaven so that he did not see death; he was seen no longer, for God took him away: for before he was taken, witness had been given that he was well-pleasing to God:*

You need to believe the word of God for faith to be ministered to you, it is by faith you understand the scriptures, it is by faith you believe the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ without you been there in Jerusalem. You can only become a Christian by faith not by the religion of your parents.

JESUS CHRIST is called the author and finisher of our faith (**Heb 12:2**), don't ever forget that there are many things you naturally believe without seeing them, don't let it come to God's word and you are doubting. The devil wants you to doubt God, remember:

*But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

(Heb 11:6)

In order to remain strong in faith pay attention to the following things, they have helped my life, it will also help you to walk with God. Look at it this way from the **acronym of FAITH**.

F: Focus on God and His word. Looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of your faith. Heb. 12:2. You know that you're strong in faith by checking your focus. This is a basic foundation requirement. No matter what happens in your school, stay focused on God's word. No matter what your parent tells you, be focused. No matter what happens in your country let not your heart shift from your focus in God's word. When you read the bible take note of **instructions, promises and commandments**. This will help you a lot. Focus on God's word through reading, meditation and by constantly saying it. I have done this for years and am still doing it.

A: Availability. This is synonymous to willingness to obey God's word, any day and anytime, it is he who is available that is useable and dependable, this means when you are needed by the Lord and his church to do anything that glorifies God you are willing to do it. Such an attitude keeps you strong in the faith and helps you have a solid foundation. You're in faith when you're available. In the name of Jesus, God won't pass me by when

he's looking for someone. I want to be available to him when he needs me to do something for him, I won't delay I will say HERE I AM SEND ME.

You're in faith when you're available to the brethren. Paul says we've heard of your faith and love for the Lord and the saints. You can't be strong in faith when you are not willing to serve the brethren. Just be available to fellow Christian to serve them. Jesus said in Luke 22:27 let's look at it from BBE Basic bible English translation:

EasyEnglish: After all, which person is the most important? Is it the person that sits at the table? Or is it the servant that puts out the meal? Yes, it is the person that sits at the table. But I am here to be your servant.

Jesus is the king of kings yet he served the brethren. You also must be available to serve the brethren. This keeps you strong in faith.

I: Intimacy with the Lord and his word. This helps you grow in your faith. Intimacy is very deep. It is been close to the Lord learning to be with him in the secret, it's a deep connection between you and the Lord and it involves communication. Quiet time or your morning devotion is a period of intimacy and togetherness with the Lord and you must be consistent with it. It pains me today because we describe intimacy in the public. But, intimacy truly is in the secret. There is no intimacy in the public. How did Jesus practice intimacy with the father? He always went alone to seek a place to pray (**Mark 1:35**). Today, intimacy is being preached as a requirement for ministry. That's wrong. Intimacy with the Holy Spirit is for every believer. Until you are very intimate with the Lord wanting to worship him, pray, spend time in fasting to seek his face you cannot be intimate with him and you may not be well rooted in the faith. **Intimacy is a practice.**

T: Truthful. You must also be truthful? It was from Pastor W.F Kumuyi I first heard of half-truth. Truth is not truth until it's complete. When you learn to check what you say

trusting in the Lord to speak the truth always and completely you will grow strong in your faith. Truth must be the guide and guard of your life.

H: Humility. Jesus says learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, you must be willing to learn in humility under anyone, you must have a humble heart to grow in faith. Pursue tangible experience by faith as you walk with God. Don't assume always trust the Holy Spirit to lead you into deeper experience of your faith in Christ.

2 Cor 13.5 –

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Can you pray, Lord I commit myself to understanding these things.

Your faith must not be built on what others are doing but on the personality and the principles of Christ.

CHAPTER FOUR

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS.

Hebrew 6:2

Of the doctrine of baptisms...

Take note that the word baptisms is in plural, this connote that we are not dealing with one type of baptism. According to the New Testament, there are three types of baptism described in scripture and all of them have applications to the foundation of your Christian Faith, they are as follows:

- **BAPTISM INTO CHRIST.**
- **BAPTISM IN WATER BY IMMERSION.**
- **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

BAPTISM INTO CHRIST.

Be careful not to confuse Heb 6:2, with Eph 4: 5 which says One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

The “**one baptism**” referred to in Eph 4:5, is the same with the baptism of Rom. 6:3.

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

We were baptized into Christ. The word baptized into Christ means we were included in his death. Look at Rom 6:1-7 from NIV, allow the Lord to speak to your heart to see what it means to be baptized into Christ.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means!

We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.- **If we have been united with him like this in his death,** we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. - **For we know that our old self was crucified with him** so that the body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin.**- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Therefore, baptism into Christ occurs the moment you received Jesus as Lord and Savior. You must keep having the revelation that when Christ died on the cross, your sinful nature died with him, you were crucified with him and your old sinful nature which loves to commit sin died with Christ on the cross. This is a blessed truth. It is in our receiving Jesus that we were immersed into Christ who died on the cross thereby ending the dominion of sin over us. (Refer to settled matter of sin @ www.seedsowersmedia.com.)

BAPTISM IN WATER BY IMMERSION.

Water baptism Mark 16:15-16.

*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Acts 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.

John the Baptist started water baptism. If water baptism was not relevant, Jesus Christ who knew no sin wouldn't have been baptized in water to fulfill all righteousness. **Water baptism is a symbolic declaration to many witnesses that you identify with the death of Christ, his burial and resurrection.** And that you have abandoned sinful life to now live the life of Christ in this world by faith.

There are many who went through water baptism without repenting of their sins, water baptism to them is just a mere religious program, such people are still in their sins, when you genuinely receive Christ and you have repented then you go for water baptism. I had to do water baptism twice because the first one I did was not relevant I wasn't born again, I was just taken to the river and dipped in water and I came out as a wet sinner and returned to my old way of thinking. But after the knowledge of BAPTISM INTO CHRIST, I had to do water baptism again.

If you check Acts 16:33; 10:47; 8:12-38, 2:38. When Peter saw the house of Cornelius speaking in tongues, he said who should refuse these ones to be baptized in water. Why did he mention water? Because it was part of what Jesus taught them. Apostles won't practice what Jesus did not teach them. It means they saw Jesus did it. Once a man is not near death he/she needs to do water baptism as a public testimony of his/her identification with Christ.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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:**

(Mat 3:11)

Now listen, when you receive Jesus Christ as Lord and savior, you immediately receive the Holy Spirit but he is dwelling in your spirit. Because Jesus does not leave heaven to come and dwell in you. The Holy Spirit is the Jesus that comes into you. Jesus is presently seated in heaven. Anytime you say Jesus, the Holy Spirit responds. Jesus said in John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

The Holy Spirit is the person representing Jesus here now on earth. The administration of the earth and the church has been given to the Holy Spirit. Jesus can speak to you in the person of the Holy Spirit. Because Jesus said in John 16:13-15

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the power dimension of the spirit. It can also be called **THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, it is called “**the upon**” dimension.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Act 1:8)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit has been misunderstood by many people.

The bible says ye shall receive power. The King James Version use the word baptism because it's an immersion into a power that makes you a witness of Christ. So, every baptism of the spirit that does not produce power for witnessing which is evangelism: winning of souls is not baptism.

Listen, let's be very clear and unapologetic. Have you seen people who speak in tongues and they are shy to witness Christ? Yes. I'm sorry to say, they did not receive baptism of the Holy Spirit or they did not understand the power dimension they received.

The essence of the baptism of the spirit is to fulfill the great commission. With the baptism of the spirit comes the gifts of the spirit. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If yes. What have you done with that power?

Boldness to preach the gospel is different from someone trained in public speaking? What's the difference? When you're baptized in the spirit, you speak with much assurance and your words burns and convicts the heart of people when you preach Christ to them. Even if the person will reject, he knows you've spoken.

Furthermore, speaking in tongues must accompany baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is another serious issue in the body of Christ. Go and study tongues beyond the upper room by Kenneth Hagin, it will help you, but study it with your Bible. Tongues has been abuse. But, what Jesus said was ye shall receive power; ability, dunamis, and ye shall be my witnesses. That's the emphasis. The sign of baptism of the Holy Spirit that we saw from the book of acts of apostles are ability to speak in tongues and prophecy and boldness to witness Christ. The template of the New Testament church is the act of the apostles. The bible confirmed that they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.... ***And your young men shall prophesy.....*** Acts 2:17. When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit you will begin to prophesy the manifold wisdom of God, you begin to say and declare out things you were not taught before. You will be a witness of Christ, not just a mere talker. Baptism of the spirit will strengthens your calling. If you were called into ministry, you will be effective and if you were called to academics, it will affect you brain positively, because that's your own platform to witness.

You must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. You can receive now by faith. Bow your knees and ask the Lord to fill you. Be filled right now in Jesus Christ Name.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY.

I got filled with baptism of the Holy Spirit while I was in secondary school and the result started showing, I was a very shy person but after the baptism of the spirit I became very bold.

But later on by September 17 2011 at Ekiti state University Ekiti state south west Nigeria. I got a fresh empowerment of the holyspirit during a word session in our student fellowship meeting.

It was so real and strong, no one laid hands on me I was just hungry for God and the experience was so serious I can never forget it. I was on the floor I was so conscious but I could not help but speak in other tongues. From that day forward I have become a witness of Christ to several lives. It is possible for you to be filled even if you are alone, just open your heart to the Lord. Hallelujah, you too can be filled right now.

Look at this scripture below.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

(Luke 11:13)

Ask him right Now and be ready to speak in new tongues and to witness Christ to others with boldness.

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CHAPTER FIVE

LAYING ON OF HANDS.

Laying of hands is a biblical doctrine look at the following scriptures:

...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

(Mar 16:18)

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

(Act 8:17)

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

(Act 19:6)

LAYING OF HANDS TO RECEIVE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Laying on of hands is one of the ways to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Something happened to me one time. It's had happened not once. I touched somebody who is sick and I started feeling sick immediately. Don't touch people anyhow. I don't mean you should be legalistic about this but through our hands we can transmit virtue and we can also receive things.

The Apostles became the custodian of the power of the Holy Spirit. And they began to get people filled through laying of hands. Although, there were occasion when it was not through laying of hands also. But, we saw the practice of the apostles of Christ included the laying on of hands.

What did Paul did to those twelve people? Hands were laid on them for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The bible did not say Paul laid hand on them and pushed them. No. we are not commanded to push people to receive the holyspirit, when their hearts are prepared they will receive the power of God easily. When hands are laid on you, you do not need to fall, falling is not important , it is what you receive by faith through the laying on of hands that's important, if the power of God comes upon you and you fall that's fine also.

We should judge anyone who falls under the anointing by the result thereafter.

LAYING OF HANDS ON THE SICK FOR HEALING.

Hands can be laid on you to receive healing and recovery by other Christians who are walking with the Lord. You can also lay hands on the sick by faith and they will be healed, this is what Christ commanded, do you lay hands on the sick to pray for them regularly? If you are called into ministry a time will come you will minister healing by the anointing; that is the gift of healing. 1Cor. 12 But, laying on of hands is part of the basic doctrine and every believer can lay hands.

LAYING OF HANDS FOR COMMISSIONING INTO MINISTRY.

Who laid hands on Paul, it is Ananias. The Lord commanded Ananias to lay hands on paul.

And the Lord *said* unto him, *Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,*

And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

(Acts 9:11-12)

Hands were laid on Paul and Barnabas for apostolic ministry:

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

(Acts 13:3)

Hands were laid on timothy and he receive the gift for ministry:

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

(1Ti 4:14)

But, look at our own generation, somebody is giving revelations of angels and mysteries, and nobody in the body of Christ has laid hands on him as an approval.

The understanding of this will help you to stand well. And if you are under Discipleship under a correct servant of God, have hands to be laid on you, you can do that regularly. It's wisdom. You're acknowledging authority.

Don't let pride take over you.

Don't seek laying on of hands everywhere, but when you are under a disciple or an authority, you should be conscious to say sir/ma, lay hands on me and pray for me. Laying on of hands is a spiritual principle.

CHAPTER SIX

RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

There are a lot of argument on this. But, every believer should understand that no matter how many years it takes, the dead will rise. In Matt. 22:29-32, 27:50-53. The Jews argued about this, but Jesus clearly taught that

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

(Mat 22:30)

Marriage is for the earth. That's why some people are not called to be married. Therefore, treat your courtship and marriage as a platform for the glory of God.

Jesus did not only teach the resurrection of the dead, he demonstrated it by rising from the dead on the third day and ascended to heaven... Jesus was showing us a pattern that we are going to resurrect with a new body called celestial bodies, not this earthly bodies.

When you have the understanding of resurrection, it gives you an understanding that no Christian dies and is lost because they will resurrect again. Paul said we should not be sorrowful like other people because we will see again believers in the resurrection (**1 thess 4:13**). What did Martha told Jesus? If you were here, my brother would not have died, but I know that he will rise again. But Jesus told her, **I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)**.

I heard about a woman, who was going to church with her husband. Armed robbers double cross them for no reason and shot the man straight way, and he died. The woman

saw her husband in the pool of blood, and the woman spoke and said this is not the reason to doubt God. She began to say words of faith.

Gun men attacked a deeper life church in Kogi State while Pastor kumuyi was preaching, and they killed every body, when daddy kumuyi will speak as I was told, He said this is not enough reason to doubt the faithfulness of God. What will give you such hope? It is that there will be resurrection of the saints. These occurrences may not be the perfect will of God. We may not have answers to such questions, but what is it that will sustain your hope? The resurrection. I'm telling you something that you may not like to hear. Many people have lost their faith because they lost a loved one and because they don't have the hope of resurrection.

The basic teaching that helps you to manage such situation as depression when a loved one dies is resurrection of the saints? You will be able to declare ***that I know on the resurrection day, we shall see again as my fellow heir of the same inheritance in eternity.***

What will help widows whose husbands were killed by jihadist to sustain hope, it is this basic teaching.

Many people are asking if God is good why he allowed so and so person to die. God is good and faithful but there is a basic understanding you must have, it is the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

God is good and his word is true, but you must be rooted in this truth called THE RESSURECTION OF THE DEAD.

CHAPTER SEVEN

ETERNAL JUGEMENT.

Consider first the matter of personal judgment. Any man who personally judges and evaluates himself or herself, will have a very good understanding. Learn to judge yourself before judging others. Jesus said in Matt 7:1-2:

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

When the scripture says judge not that ye be not judged this still points to the matter of eternal judgment, so every man who knows he/she will face judgment on the last day must be careful to judge others. You must not follow the trend on social media platforms where servants of Christ are spoken against, this is a strategy of the enemy to disdain those whom God has called. Be careful, you also will face the Judgment seat of Christ.

Here lies another important matter.

But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. (Mat 12:36)

This one is important, this matter is very serious to my own heart because I've violated it several times. But, the Lord has helped me greatly on it and I am still learning. Every man shall give account of every idle word

Looking at it from other bible translations:

BBE: And I say to you that in the day when they are judged, men will have to give an account of every foolish word they have said.

EasyEnglish: What I say is true. One day, God will *judge everybody. On that day, you must tell God why you spoke each careless word.

ISV:I tell you, on Judgment Day people will give an account for every thoughtless word they have uttered,

Everybody will give account. You will account for everything you say. You will give account of every useless word, every careless word on the judgment day. God takes record of whatever we are saying.

What makes a word careless, empty, and useless?

A useless word is a word that has no use, it does not help anybody, it does not fit into anything. Perverting Slangs and trending words that does not edify or glorify God falls into this category, exaggerations and lies, half-truth etc.

God knows that words have creative ability, life and death is in the power of the tongue, therefore, you can't speak anyhow. A believer is not meant to be a talkative. That's why bible says study to be quiet.

I peter 3:10 from easy English translation

EasyEnglish: The Bible says this: 'If a person wants to enjoy his life and to have good days, he must be careful not to say bad things. And he must stop saying things that are not true.

If you will give account of careless words in the Day of Judgment, it shows somebody is in charge of taking record. Thank God we cannot do this in our power, we have the Holy Spirit inside us who helps us to speak in a way that glorifies God. Thank God for Christ as our advocate.

According to Jude 1:9 The bible says even Michael the Arch angel couldn't say a railing accusation on Satan, all he could say was the Lord rebuke you.

Remember you should judge yourself as a Christian. If you practice that, you will save yourself. Every personal judgment you make on yourself will lead you to quick repentance.

Everyone will be judged based on our works and rewards will be given. Jesus said

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

(Rev 22:12)

When you remember that you will be judged, what manner of man or woman will you be, be careful to keep yourself pure, behold he comes, Christ is coming there will be the closing of this age. There will be reward. For God is not so unrighteous to forget your labor of love the bible says. Don't be weary in well doing because in due season, you shall reap. At the judgment, believers are going to be rewarded. Some unknown persons may have the greatest rewards. There will be joy in heaven after rapture but our rewards will be according to our works.

Let us therefore walk in godly fear. Each time I remember that one day I will be judged, it causes me to be tender and broken before God. When the Holy Spirit points me to anything I have done wrong I break down immediately to tell him am sorry and I adjust. I don't want to struggle with the Lord.

The doctrine of eternal judgment when rooted in your heart, will help you to abstain from all impurity not because you are afraid but Godly reverence and fear fills your heart. When you see People commit sin anyhow, it's because they are forgetting this particular doctrine of eternal Judgment. Somebody says don't preach hell fire. But, Jesus preached it. It's in your Bible. And in the book of revelation, he told us of the lake of fire. But the Lake

of fire is not meant for us as believers yet we must walk in obedience in our fathers Love so as to become more like him and to walk more in the reality of us, being his purchased possession.

I pray that the revelation of the eternal judgment of God come upon your heart afresh.

Take serious note of this that when you understand eternal judgment of God and you meditate daily on it, it will straighten your character, you cannot cover up secret sin any longer, you will be willing to confess to God. God does not condemn those who expose themselves to him, he is willing to help them because his mercy endures forever.

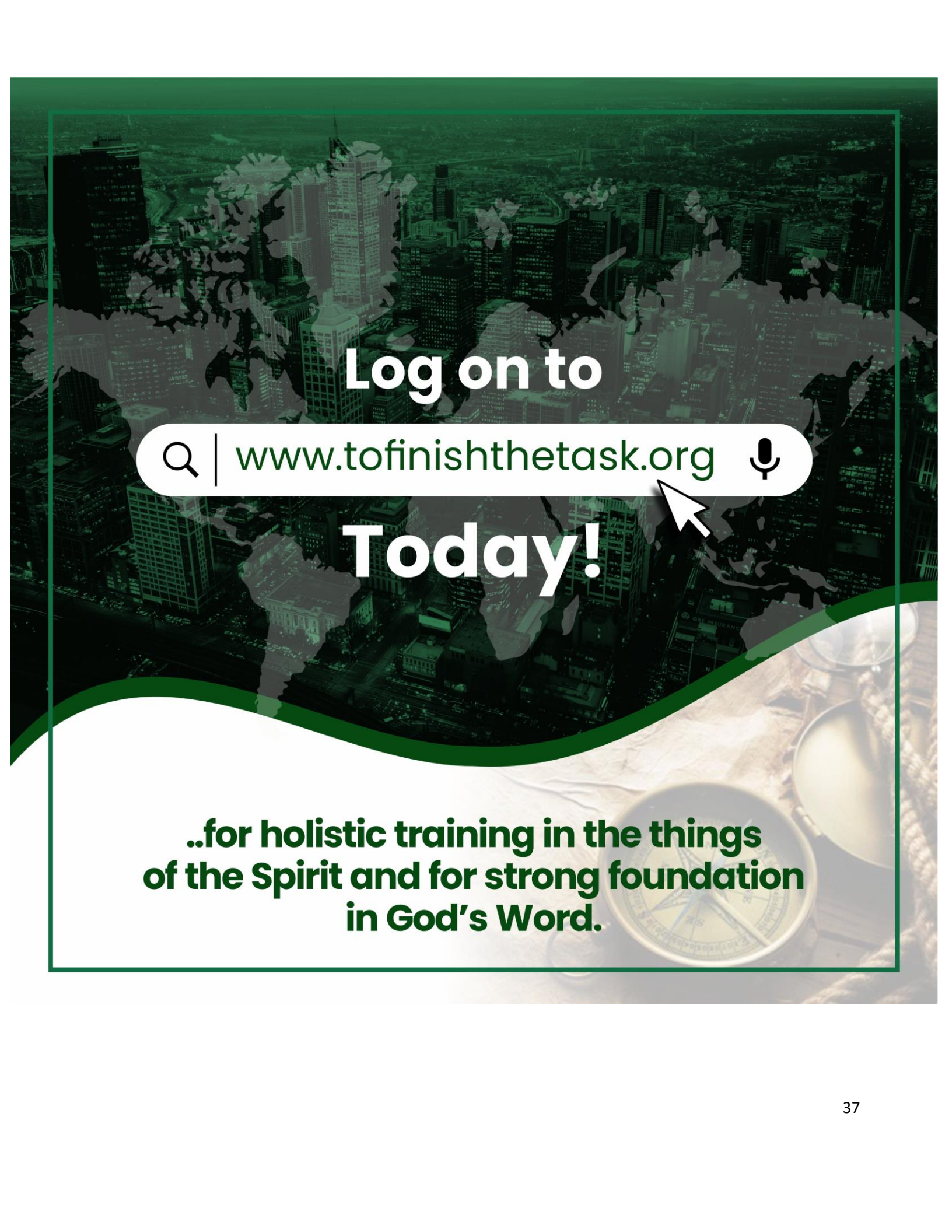
According to Heb 6: 3 Paul says we can't move to another set of teachings, if God has not permitted. We must be rooted in this first basic lessons before we move on to other deeper issues of the kingdom. May the Lord help you in this matter? Check up before the Lord.

When the foundation is destroyed the outcome is not palatable.

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