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There are six doctrinal foundations of Jesus.

<u>Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1-2</u> – 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age or mature, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on to perfection, maturity or completion, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Without these six Foundations it is impossible to fully mature. The job of every parent is to raise a fully mature adult. The job of every Pastor is to raise fully mature adult believers. Are these six foundations built within your life today?

1. Repentance from dead works

<u>Hebrews 9:14</u> – ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works, so that we may serve the living God!

Dead works are works of self-righteousness. They are works that have injured your conscience.

2. Faith toward God

II Corinthians 5:7 – ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight

Faith is a firm persuasion. It means that what you believe governs how you think, choose, and act.

3. The doctrine of baptisms

There are four baptisms in the new testament.

- The Baptism of John
- Baptized into Christ
- Baptized in Water
- Baptized in the Holy Spirit

4. The doctrine of the laying on of hands

There are four reasons you lay hands upon people.

- To impart a general blessing
- To impart the healing power of God
- To impart the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
- To impart grace gifts for ministry or service to God's people

5. Resurrection of the dead

There are two groups of people who will be resurrected. They are the righteous and the unrighteous.

<u>Acts 24:15</u> – ¹⁵ [Paul speaking to the governor Felix] and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

<u>I Corinthians 15:42-44</u> - ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

<u>John 5:28-29</u> – ²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

6. Eternal judgement

<u>Hebrews 9:27</u> - ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment

It is called the doctrine of "eternal" judgment, not simply judgment. It deals with final judgments or verdicts of God.

There are two eternal judgments. They are eternal judgment of the righteous and eternal judgment of the unrighteous.

Revelation 20:11-15 – ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who 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, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

My sin demands eternal judgment. Either I accept Jesus' payment, or I pay for it myself.