

## **Th122 Foundation Doctrines**

### ***Lesson Th122 – 30 Foundation Doctrines – Review***

During this course, you have learned the six doctrines of the church which the writer of the Book of Hebrews states are the foundation doctrines.

The first foundation doctrine is repentance. Repentance is a change of direction in one's life. It always results in a change of behavior. Many people try to change their behavior on their own, but find themselves returning to the same old lifestyle. Godly sorrow brings about true repentance. And true repentance will always include the confession of sin. The Bible teaches us to humble ourselves and confess our sins to Christ. This is the starting point of true repentance. There will always be a change in the way a person thinks as part of repentance. Behavior that a person once thought was acceptable will now be seen as sin. Therefore, true repentance will result in a change of behavior which could include making restitution for offenses that have been done to others.

The second foundation doctrine is faith towards God. Faith is believing in God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Everyone must first believe that God exists and that he cares about the individual. True faith in God will result in miracles within the lives of the believer. You have also learned that it is through faith in Jesus Christ that one is saved and that salvation is not based upon a believer's works for God. But true faith will result in our doing work for God. Remember the apostle James said that "faith without works is dead."

The third foundation doctrine concerns baptisms. There is the baptism in water which every believer should take part of. It is the public testimony of one's decision to become a follower of Christ. After that, every believer should seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues. For it is through the baptism in the Holy Spirit that the believer receives power to be a witness. The final baptism is called the baptism in fire. This baptism is when God allows us to go through a time of testing and trial that refines our faith in him.

The fourth foundation doctrine is the laying on of hands. You have learned that Isaac laid hands on his sons to impart a blessing and that Moses laid hands on Joshua to impart authority. Spiritual gifts can also be imparted through the laying on of hands. Peter laid hands on people and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. People can receive healing when hands are laid upon them accompanied with prayer. Paul and Barnabas were ordained to missionary work when the leaders of the church of Antioch laid hands on them.

The fifth foundation doctrine concerns the resurrection of the dead. The Bible teaches us that there will be two resurrections. The first is the resurrection of the righteous and the second is the resurrection of the wicked. The first resurrection is three distinct events. The first resurrection event happened two thousand years ago when Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He is called the Firstfruits of the resurrection, which is a proof that one day all believers will likewise be resurrected. The second event of the first resurrection will be the Rapture of the church. In a single moment, all of the dead in Christ will be resurrected from the dead.

Immediately after that moment all believers who are alive will be transformed, receiving resurrected glorified bodies. The third and last event of the first resurrection will be when Christ returns to the earth at the end of the Tribulation. All the believers who came to the Lord during the Tribulation will be resurrected and changed. You have also learned about the second resurrection which is when the unbelievers will be resurrected from the dead so that they can stand before the Great White Throne to receive their eternal judgment.

This leads us to the sixth and final foundation doctrine, eternal judgment. We have learned that all authority flows from God the Father and that Jesus has been given all authority that he might judge the world. Every believer will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ where their works and labors for Jesus will be judged and rewarded. You have learned that although God treats everyone equally in respect to salvation, every individual will receive their heavenly reward based upon what they have done for Christ. Satan also will be judged and receive eternal punishment. Hell is a temporary place of judgment reserved for unbelievers. The lake of fire is the eternal place of punishment that was created for Satan and his fallen angels. Unbelievers will also be cast into the lake of fire as their eternal punishment.

These six doctrines; Repentance, Faith, Baptisms, Laying on of Hands, Resurrection, and Eternal Judgment are the foundation doctrines that every believer should clearly understand.

Your final **assignment** for this course is to review the lessons as many times as is necessary to fully comprehend and know the six foundation doctrines of the church. You should be so proficient in this knowledge that you can easily teach it to new believers.