

The Fundamental Doctrines of Christ

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Psalms 11:3 - "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

The six fundamental doctrines of Christ are listed in Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV -

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of 1) repentance from dead works, and 2) faith toward God, of the 3) doctrine of baptisms, and of 4) laying on of hands, and of 5) resurrection of the dead, and of 6) eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit."

Here they are in the New Living Translation:

"So let us stop going over the basics of Christianity again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start all over again with the importance of 1) turning away from evil deeds and 2) placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about 3) baptisms, 4) the laying on of hands, 5) the resurrection of the dead, and 6) eternal judgment."

JUST HOW IMPORTANT ARE THESE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES?

According to the whole context of the scripture, from Hebrews 5:12 through 6:3, it is clear that God will not grant us a "building permit" ("...if God permit.") for greater Christian maturity unless we first have a WORKING knowledge of these fundamental principles. Foundations first; then the walls and roof! These BASICS must become more than mere theological familiarity; we must experience them for ourselves. Our true FOUNDATION = the sum total of our living experiences with Jesus. It's not a real foundation until it is understood and PRACTICED. Foundations must be blueprinted, then poured & set, and finally checked for flaws. Make sure you have no cracks in your foundation. Make sure there are no missing foundation blocks which might come back to haunt you later while building the structure atop your foundation.

Since there are six foundation doctrines, each doctrine accounts for 16.5% of our Christian experience and victory. To reject any one doctrine or failure to understand any one doctrine is to forfeit 16.5% of victorious Christian living. Failure to appropriate two of these doctrines means that 33% of our Christian maturity is forfeited; our growth becomes stunted. Little or no working knowledge of any three of these doctrines means that we won't enjoy almost 50% of the Christian experiences God has for us. We must have thorough working knowledge of these super six truths before God issues us a building permit to finish construction of our Christian pilgrimage. The Bible teaches that "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Don't underestimate the importance of these truths to your Christian walk.

Introduction To The Super-Six: Greek Definitions

1. Repentance From Dead Works - Greek for "repent" (3341: Metanoia) means "to change one's mind" or "to reverse one's decision." Hebrew for "repent" is "to turn around." Greek for "convert" is "to turn around." Greek for the improperly translated "repented" in Matthew 27:3 (3338: Metamelomai) where Judas repented and went out and hanged himself just means "to regret." Regretting is NOT repenting. Remorse is not enough. Many people are remorseful and regret what they have done. The alcoholic often loathes his addiction and behaviour. Take Judas and Peter for example. Judas deeply regretted what he did to Jesus. Peter did also. However, Peter took it a step further, and repented from what he did to Jesus. He changed his mind about his behaviour, and

decided to trust God to forgive and restore him. Peter made a quality decision to turn from his sin and to turn towards the forgiving heart of Jesus. Peter saw the expression of love and forgiveness on Jesus' face when Jesus gazed at him immediately after he denied Christ three times and the cock crowed. The Bible says he went out and wept bitterly. Peter must have done more than weep; he obviously changed his mind and turned towards the forgiving heart of God during that time of prayer. Judas didn't decide to turn around. Judas didn't choose to place his trust in God's forgiveness. Judas lamented his sin but stubbornly refused to make a turnaround towards God and let God change him.

There's a place for "restitution" or an accompanying action following repentance (Luke 3:8, Exodus 22:12), but this shouldn't be confused with "penance". Penance is any act of trying to appease God by self-punishment, self-sacrifice, or some kind of conscious or unconscious attempt to make payment to God to make up for what one has done to God. Penance is not repentance any more than regret or remorse. Penance is an attempt to buy God's favor back again; but God is neither a slot machine, nor a bank teller.

2. Faith Toward God - Greek for "faith" (4102: Pistis) means "to be convinced, persuaded" or "to rely upon."

3. Doctrine of Baptisms - Greek for "baptize" (908,909: Baptisma, Baptismos) means "to dip" or "to wash." Did you know there is no such Bible character as "John The Baptist." This Greek word which was "transliterated" into "baptize" should have been "translated" using the normal rules of translation. Had this been done, we would know John as "John The Dipper."

4. Laying On Of Hands - Greek for "laying on" (1936: Epithesis) means "an official imposition" or "an official placing upon" of hands.

5. Resurrection Of The Dead - Greek for "resurrection" (386: Anastasis) means "to stand up again" or "to recover."

6. Eternal Judgment - Greek for "judgment" (2917: Krima) means "a decision."

Each principle or fundamental has FOUR BASIC CATEGORIES:

FOUR REASONS FOR REPENTANCE:

1. Repentance from SIN (for the Unbeliever, turning from his sinful condition and lifestyle and turning to Christ alone) - Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19; Luke 13:5; Acts 17:30 We should never instruct an unbeliever to confess his or her sins (plural) to God lest that person spend all of his time in prayer trying to recount each of his sins. God instructs the unbeliever to repent of his sin (singular: the sinful condition of his heart which is a lifestyle of rebellion and/or indifference to God) The sinner must recognize his sinful condition without God, change his mind, and turn to Christ. Trying to remember and confess all one's sins is an exercise in futility and only serves to divert the sinner's attention away from the remedy (Jesus) and delay one's decision to receive Christ as personal Lord and Saviour. The more of a sinner recounts his sins in prayer, the worse he or she feels, and the less they focus on Jesus.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Luke 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

2. Repentance from sins - (for the Believer, when he sins, to receive fresh forgiveness when he fails, so he can enjoy close fellowship with God again) I John 1:9-10; I John 2:1-2; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 51

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

3. Repentance from religious or ethical works (for anyone trusting in his own goodness, trying to impress God, or trying to earn and merit his own righteousness) - Ephesians 2:8-9; Luke 18:9-14; Romans 10:1-4

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

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are,

extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

4. Repentance from unforgiveness (the act of releasing and forgiving those who sin against us while in prayer to God) - Mark 11:25-26; Matthew 6:9-15; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13. In prayer to God, we must forgive those who sin against us directly or indirectly, to our face or behind our back, by word or deed, by an offense of commission or by offense of omission, and whether the offense is major or minor. Cooling down is not the same as forgiving someone. Rather one must have a specific transaction with God at a decided moment where he purposely forgives his or her offender ALOUD to God. If words mean anything, then enemy numero uno of the believer's faith is the sin of unforgiveness. Often when Jesus taught on prayer and faith, he concurrently taught on the necessity of forgiving those who offend us. He taught that the one thing the Father will not tolerate is unforgiveness in our hearts. Jesus taught that to receive forgiveness then to refuse to pass it on was intolerable by God.

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Several important discussions come to mind here that are intertwined with the fundamental doctrine of repentance. The first being godly sorrow. Some have defined repentance as equalling godly sorrow. But the verses of scripture which discuss godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:8-11) do not say that godly sorrow IS repentance. They merely say that confrontation with Biblical truth can bring about godly sorrow which, in turn, works or leads to repentance. The problem is that if one defines repentance as godly sorrow, then many of us would never repent after missing God, because we enjoyed it too much and we think we have to wait for some deep emotion of sorrow before repenting. The error that can be propagated is that it would be hypocritical to repent unless and until you felt deep remorse first. But this leads us back to the error of "penance" or self punishment. But the truth is that a person can simply repent on the spot, without some rush of emotion or

sorrow. One can simply decide to turn away from his sinful action or attitude and turn towards Christ for immediate forgiveness and restoration of close fellowship. DON'T WAIT for godly sorrow. Thank God when it comes; but don't wait for it. Remember, the Greek word repent means "to change one's mind" and the Hebrew word means "to turn."

The next issue related to repentance that needs to be discussed is the difference between CONDEMNATION and CONVICTION. We know that the Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit will CONVICT the world of sin. (Just an observation: the Bible doesn't teach that the person of the Holy Spirit will CONVICT the believer, but rather comfort him or her. However, the Bible does teach in the book of 1 John that our own hearts condemn us when we sin. Inferred is that your own reborn spirit or heart will let you know when you have "blown it" but that the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance the promise of forgiveness, such as 1 John 1:9 or 1 John 2:1-3.) The difference between condemnation and conviction is simple. The one never gives you a way out; it continues to accuse your mind and make you feel bad for an extended period of time. The other quickly lets you know you have done wrong in your heart but then gently points you to Jesus for forgiveness, pardon, cleansing, and change.

One more important teaching related to repentance is that PRIVATE RENUNCIATION must precede PUBLIC DENUNCIATION. In other words, publicly denouncing certain sins as evil without renouncing those same evils first in your own life will not change you. This goes back to the error of penance again. It is all too easy, in an unconscious attempt to appease one's guilty conscience, to publicly denounce those same evils, rather than go to God, privately renouncing your evils and turning from them to Him. Pr 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh [them] shall have mercy.

Here is another facet of forgiving someone, an article by Dr. S. M. Davis: "When Forgiveness Won't Work. By. Dr. S. M. Davis. There is confusion among many Christians about the matter of forgiveness because they do not realize that forgiveness has two sides. The first side is the side of the "forgiver." Christians must forgive fully, freely, & forever. The second side is the side of the one being forgiven. To be offered forgiveness is one thing. To be able to receive the forgiveness offered is something else. Even though forgiveness is offered, FORGIVENESS WON'T WORK unless the one who has done the wrong is truly repentant. In the parable of the prodigal son, both sons were forgiven. But only one of them received forgiveness because only one of them was truly repentant! Those who encourage acceptance without repentance are really encouraging indulgence & enslavement. With repentance comes cleansing, restoration, & forgiveness. Forgiveness is not an elective that you choose or you pass up in the Christian life. Forgiveness is a part of the required course that God gives to every Christian. "A 'chip on the shoulder' is about the heaviest load a body ever carries." Forgiveness – giving up my right to hurt you when you have hurt me. Forgiveness - to abandon; to leave behind; to release the debt. Forgiveness is a decision that you make; it is a choice that you make. The two sides of forgiveness: 1. The Forgiver: When we have been done wrong, we ought to decide ahead of time that we are going to forgive no matter what happens. We must forgive fully, freely, and forever. 2. The Receiver: The container necessary to receive the cleansing fountain of God's forgiveness is labeled "Repentance." Forgiveness offered is one thing; forgiveness received is another thing entirely. Forgiveness is like a liquid. It is God's antidote to the poison of our sin. The container in which you receive the antidote for sin is called repentance. The church's job is to tell the world about God's forgiveness. With forgiveness and repentance there can be cleansing and freedom from the bondage of sin. An unrepentant heart cannot receive forgiveness. Many sins carry built-in consequences that continue even after repentance and forgiveness. A non-repentant person accuses others of being Pharisees for not indulging him. In reality, he is the Pharisee who stands in pride and refuses to repent. Forgiveness must never become weak and flabby and perverted and turn into indulgence. A heart without repentance will walk on top of compassion. Non-repentance cannot be given compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. If non-repentance receives compassion, mercy, and forgiveness, then justice is overthrown. When people do not repent of their sin, it will alienate them from God and from every other Christian who is right with God. Once there is repentance, then there can be forgiveness."

FOUR FACETS OF FAITH:

1. Saving Faith (for the Unbeliever turning from sin and coming to Christ; trusting Him alone for eternal life) - Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:22; I John 5:13; John 8:24; John 3:16 Click [Here](#) if you wish to believe on Jesus Christ for your eternal salvation.

Romans 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.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. Sustaining Faith (keeping faith for daily Christian living and spiritual growth) - Hebrews 10:38-11:6; Colossians 1:23; I Peter 1:5; 2 Peter 1:5-11

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

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

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 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.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 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.

Colossians 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3. Commanding Faith (the faith of the Lord Jesus; making faith commands aloud with your own mouth against Satan, against temptation, and against negative circumstances in your own life or in other's lives for whom you are praying) - Mark 11:22-23; James 4:7; Acts 14:10

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Acts 14:9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

4. Special Faith or the Gift of Faith (the Spiritual Gift Manifestation of the Holy Spirit's own faith superimposed upon the believer's faith enabling he or she to receive an outstanding miracle from God; initiated by the Holy Spirit when He wills) - I Corinthians 12:1,4,7,9; Acts 6:8; **ONE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THIS SPECIAL GIFT BEFORE BELIEVING GOD FOR SOMETHING.** Start with your own sustaining faith and if that's not enough, the Holy Spirit can add His to yours.

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

***FOUR BAPTISMS:**

1. Baptism Into Christ (at the moment of New Birth) - Galatians 3:26,27; Romans 6:3,4

*Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*Romans 6:3 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.*

2. Baptism Into The Body Of Christ, The Church (at the same moment) - I Corinthians 12:13-14

*1 Corinthians 12:13 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.
14 For the body is not one member, but many.*

3. Water Baptism (following one's New Birth, as soon as possible, the quicker the better) - Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 22:16

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.

1 Peter 3:21 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:

*Acts 8:36 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.*

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

4. Baptism In The Holy Spirit (a second experience subsequent to the New Birth which results in the believer speaking in tongues and being endued with power and spiritual giftings) - Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4; Acts 19:6; Acts 8:14-17, Mark 16:15-17. Click [Here](#) if you wish to receive this second free gift from Heaven, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit!

Matthew 3:11 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:

Acts 1:8 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.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

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

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

***Note: There are two additional baptisms.** The "Baptism of John" is no longer applicable. It was a water baptism for the repentance of sins but it was exclusively for the Jewish people of Christ's time. The baptism of John prepared the Jewish people for the Messiah, enabling them to recognize Jesus as the Christ when He was introduced to them. The other, the "Baptism of Suffering" is still for today. Many theologians feel this is a special call of Christ to some of His people to endure excessive persecution, even to the point of martyrdom for Christ' sake. (Luke 12:50; Matthew 20:22-23; Revelation 2:10; Revelation 12:11). Presently most of the church in China and Sudan is baptized in persecution suffering. The one being politically persecuted by Communism. The other being religiously persecuted by Moslems. More of our brothers and sisters are immersed in deadly persecution than we realize. If any Christian finds himself being tortured, imprisoned, harassed, or under the threat of death, Jesus DOES expect the believer to endure it, refuse to compromise one's faith, and NEVER to deny Christ, regardless of the price or pain. (1 Peter 4:12-19)

FOUR PURPOSES FOR THE LAYING ON OF HANDS:

(Also see my other booklet on The Laying On Of hands.)

1. For Ordination (of ministers, those called to the five-fold Ministry, church leaders as listed in Ephesians 4:11, and for appointment of other church leaders such as deacons and workers) - Deuteronomy 34:9; Numbers 27:18-20; Acts 13:1-4; Acts 6:1-7. When proven, seasoned, called, and separated men and women of God lay their hands on another called leader to confirm that minister's gifting, something remarkable happens inside the person being ordained. Gifts are imparted. Calling and destiny are sealed. Unseen things in the spirit realm are set in motion to ensure that minister's success. And another remarkable thing happens. The minister is validated and authenticated before the people of God, effectively recommending him or her to God's people as worthy of followership. To God, there is no such thing as a mail-order ordination. Such a practice is no ordination at all, to God. Until other recognized pastors say someone is a pastor, they're not. Until other renowned prophets say someone is a prophet, they're not. Perhaps that person is called to a certain ministry in POTENTIAL, but not yet in POSITION. There is a timing to the promotion of a man of God. The Bible commands in 1Ti 5:22, "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

There must be accountability in kingdom leadership, or else so-called leaders float around in the body of Christ as loose canons who have not submitted themselves to mentorship or enough of the processes of God necessary to prepare them. Jesus HAD to be ordained by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. It was due order. John the Baptist HAD to be ordained by his father the priest. It was divine protocol. Joshua HAD to have hands laid on him by Moses in front of all Israel. It set in motion divine transference of anointing and authority. Ordination is God's safety system to protect the sheep from poor leadership and to protect the person being ordained from

spiritual bankruptcy. Ordination by the laying on of hands releases incredible authority and anointing into one's being for supernatural ministry! Ordination is both IMPARTATION and AUTHENTICATION! Every minister in the body of Christ should be validated and authenticated by a group of other ministers and by a local church.

Deuteronomy 34:9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

*Numbers 27:18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;
19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.
20 And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.*

*Acts 13:1 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.*

*Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
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.
7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

2. For Impartation of Spiritual Giftings and Life-Long Blessings - II Timothy 1:6; I Timothy 4:14; Mark 10:16; Genesis 48:13-20

2 Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Mark 10:16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

*Genesis 48:13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.
14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.
15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,
16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the*

name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

3. For Divine Healing (of the physical body and/or mind & emotions) - Mark 16:18; Acts 28:8; James 5:14-16

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents [Jesus didn't mean here we were to snake-handle, rather this is figurative speech which means we have authority over demon powers]; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Acts 28:8 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.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

4. For Holy Spirit Baptism - Acts 19:6; Acts 8:17-18

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

Acts 8:17 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,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

****FOUR RESURRECTIONS FROM THE DEAD: (In Chronological Order)**

1. Christ (on the third day; around two thousand years ago) - I Corinthians 15:3-4;; Acts 2:22-24

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

2. The Church at the Rapture (when He returns again to meet us in the air; first the departed saints' bodies will be resurrected and join their souls returning with Christ, then momentarily those of us who remain will be resurrected) - I Thessalonians 4:13-17; I Corinthians 15:51-58

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

3. Tribulation Saints (people who repent during the Great Tribulation period - "midtrib saints" plus the 144,000 repentant Jews plus the Two Witnesses (didn't need to be converted) plus the tribulation martyrs) - Revelation 11:3-12; Revelation 7:14-17; Revelation 14:1-5; Revelation 20: 4,6

Revelation 3:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

4. The Dead In Hell (the bodies of Unbelievers whose souls are in hell are resurrected, only to return to hell after the Great White Throne judgment discussed below; this time returning with their bodies intact, as well as

their souls) - John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:10-15 (See Revelation 20:5,6 "The First Resurrection" includes numbers 1 through 3 above; the "Second Death" is number 4, or that which follows in Revelation 20:11-15)

John 5:28 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.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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.

**** Note:** See my other booklet on Seven Raptures

*****FOUR ETERNAL JUDGMENTS**

(Some verses about the general justice nature of God are 2 Timothy 4:1; Ecclesiastes 12: 13,14; Hebrews 4:13; John 5:21-30)

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

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.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own

will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

1. The Cross (where the Unbeliever becomes a Believer; his or her SIN condition and sinS are once and for all judged to be pardoned and removed for all eternity; also where the prince of this world, Satan, has been judged as a defeated foe) Colossians 2:13-14; Romans 1:16; Colossians 1:20; John 16:7-11

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

2. The Judgment Seat Of Christ (where each Believer's works are evaluated fairly and rewarded richly; Greek for "judgment seat" is 968: Bema which means "rostrum" or "tribunal" or "winner's stand") Romans 14:10-13; II Corinthians 5:9-11; I Corinthians 3:10-15; I Corinthians 4:2-5. The condition of the believer's soul will not be judged here; his or her soul-condition was judged when they received Christ as Lord and Saviour. The judgment of the cross already took care of that. The BEMA is a judgment of WORKS (their quality, quantity, motives, and source of power), not SOUL CONDITION. Only believers have an appointment with the BEMA. Proof positive that the judgement of believers is separate from the judgement of unbelievers is Psalms 1:5 - "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." The BEMA seems to occur one at a time after each believer dies and goes to heaven or either it occurs at a single event sometime after the first three resurrections occur (Hebrews 9:27-28). In either case, each believer must stand before Christ by himself, one at a time.

Romans 14:10 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.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

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

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

I Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire;

and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

2 Corinthians 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

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.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

3. Judgment Of The Nations (during the millennial reign of Christ with His saints on earth; the only nation being placed on his right hand to be His church) - Matthew 25:31-46

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

4. The Great White Throne Judgment (of resurrected Unbelievers to evaluate their earthly works and to pronounce their damnation for their primary work of rejecting Christ, sending them back to hell, this time with their bodies intact) - Revelation 20:11-15; II Peter 2:9

Revelation 20:11 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.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

*****Note: Two Other Judgments:**

A. Judgment Of The World - Revelation Chapters 15&16.

B. Judgment Of The Heavens And Earth - II Peter 3:3-15.

The way you practice RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD is by longing and yearning for Christ to return. You make the rapture your "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13) and talk to God often in prayer and praise about His return and going to heaven (Philippians 1:23).

The way you practice ETERNAL JUDGMENT is by preaching the cross to people. Also, you should ask God to come judge the earth (Psalm 82:8) and ask Him to come quickly (Revelation 22:7,12,17,20). You also practice eternal judgment by reminding yourself often that you must stand before the judgment seat of Christ, warning yourself that you must give an account to God and that no matter how difficult serving Christ may become at times, your service to Him will be richly rewarded when you get to heaven.