

First Principles

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Introduction

1. Hebrews. 5:12-6:3
2. We sometimes forget the first principles and need reminding of them. 2 Peter 1:13, 15
3. There are also those who need to be taught, such as our young people, those who need to obey, and the unfaithful who need restoring, who need these things taught also.
4. The context of the passage deals with Old Testament teachings, we can learn from those things taught and go on in our maturity of being a Christian
5. We thus need to understand these first principles:

II Discussion

A. What are the first principles?

1. Repentance. Matthew 21:28-32
2. Faith Hebrews 5:8-9; 11:6
3. Baptisms
 - 1) Moses; 1 Corinthians 10:2;
 - 2) John's Mark 1:4; Acts 19:4
 - 3) Christ. Mark 16:15-16; Revelation 1:5; Romans 6:3-4
4. Laying on of hands Acts 8: 14-24
5. Resurrection Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 12
6. Eternal judgment 2 Corinthians 5:10; Acts 17:30-31
7. Proper division of the Bible. 2 Timothy 2:15

B. Why are these first principles important?

1. Because God has spoken them. Hebrews 5: 12-14; 1:1-2; Matthew 17:5; John 14:26
 - a. Oracles means the divine utterances of God. Isaiah 1:2; Romans 3:2; Acts 7:38
 - b. We are to be speaking these things. 1 Peter 4:11
2. Because they are the foundation of the building. Hebrews 6:1; Matthew 7:21-26
3. Because these first principles are a part of the doctrine of Christ. 2 John 9-11; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:4
4. Because these first principles are the basis for Christian perfection. Hebrews 6:1
 - a. Perfect means, mature, full grown, complete. I Corinthians 2:6 NKJV has mature
 - b. He thus can take the meat of the word Hebrews 5:12-14
 - c. He can discern between good and evil Vs 14
 - d. He can control his tongue. James 3:1-2
 - e. He loves his enemies. Matthew 5:44

III Conclusion

1. Why do we preach these basic first principles? The young must be taught, error must be combated, the lost must be converted, the faithful must be reminded
2. Have you believed the message of salvation spoken by the Lord, Hebrews 2:1-2
3. Will you let today be the day of your salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

4. Would you then build on this foundation.

Source: Focus on Faith by Tom Holland. Vines, A.T. Robertson word studies, Matthew Henry's commentary.