

Get Back Part 3: Get Back To Basics

"There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are **spiritually dull** and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the **basic things** about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are **mature**, who through **training** have the **skill** to recognize the difference between right and wrong." Hebrews 5:11-14 NLT

"So let us stop going over the **basic teachings** about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding."

Hebrews 6:1-3 NLT

The Basics

1. Repentance is turning toward God.

"From that time on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 4:17 NIV

"Godly sorrow brings **repentance** that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV

2. Faith is believing to the point of living it out.

"And anyone who **believes** in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't **obey** the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

John 3:36 NLT

"Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his **faith and his actions worked together**. His actions made his faith complete." James 2:20-22 NLT

3. Baptism is fully immersing yourself.

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Galatians 3:26-27 NIV

"He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a **baptism of repentance** for the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 3:3 NIV

"On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**."

Acts 1:4-5 NIV

4. Laying on of hands is uniting our faith with another.

"Again, truly I tell you that if **two of you on earth agree** about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20 NIV

"I long to see you so that I may **impart** to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

Romans 1:11-12 NIV

5. Resurrection is the hope of Christianity.

"For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either... And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. **But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead**. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died."

1 Corinthians 15:13, 17-20 NLT

6. Judgement is the day we all stand before God.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV