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BACK TO BASICS

You have probably heard people say "let's get back to basics", and probably even agreed, but what does it mean for a Christian?

If you think of the basics for a Christian, the first basic is that you are one. That only happens if you have repented of your sin and have asked Jesus into your heart to be Lord and Savior.

The second basic is that you confess this to someone. Anyone that never tells someone that they have received the Lord has not received him. It says in 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."*** It is imperative that we speak it out, not just think it.

The third basic is to follow through with water baptism. Some churches teach that you must be water baptized to be saved, but the above verse says to confess and believe and you are saved. Some use Acts 2:38 to uphold this non-biblical doctrine. The baptism it speaks of in Acts 2:38 is being baptized at conversion into the body of Christ. Baptism comes from the Greek word "baptiso" which means to immerse. We are immersed or placed into the body of Jesus Christ at conversion. It is not water baptism. Water baptism is an outward sign of an inward work. Water Baptism represents the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The fourth basic is to grow in the Word of God. A good Bible with study helps is an absolute must to grow in the things of God. Like a new-born baby, your spirit needs to be fed daily to grow, or it will become weak and the flesh will control it. We are commanded by God in II Timothy 3:16 to study. How can we know truth if we don't read the manual – the bible???

The fifth basic is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit to receive the power to be a witness. Salvation is only the beginning. The power to be a witness enables you to tell others about Jesus. We are to be fruitful and multiply in the kingdom of God.

The sixth basic is to find a good Church that teaches you faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Be mentored by those that have paid the price with their lives through failures, victories, and transparency.

As you grow in the basics, your life will change. It is an ongoing process because there is always something new to learn.

Getting back to basics means returning to the things that made you who you are in Christ. If you have slipped up, God always gives you a chance to "one-up". His mercies are renewed every morning. He is a faithful God!