

## Foundation Building Blocks

### FBB1-5-3-01 Principles of the Doctrine of Christ - Repentance from Dead Works

**Repentance:** (Greek 3341 - as used in Acts 11:18) μετάνοια metanoia; from 3340; (subjectively) **compunction** [feelings of shame and regret about doing something wrong] (for guilt, **including reformation**); by implication, **reversal** (of (another's) decision): --**repentance**.

**Acts 11:18** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted **repentance** unto life.

**Dead Works:** With relation to Hebrews 6:10, [God righteously judges works and labors] and James 2:14-26 [faith is judged by works], dead works can be characterized as: works that are judged to be unrighteous by God, and thus lead to the death of the soul in godly judgement.

**Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the **foundation of repentance from dead works**, and of faith toward God,

*The principles of the doctrine of Christ start with the feelings of shame of one's works before God. Then with a person's reformation from these shameful works, a person is motivated unto godly faith (thus inheriting God's promises) as shown by their resulting good works.*

*This repentance requires that a **foundation** first be established: there must be a reference to **change from** (Dead Works), as well as a reference destination - the **change to**. This foundation (reference) has already been established by God through the Holy Scriptures. The holy Christian life-style (being Christ-like) encompasses: loving God with all of one's heart, soul, mind, and strength; and loving one's neighbor as thyself. Without this established foundation, a person might morally feel compunction (feelings of shame and regret about doing something wrong), yet without a foundation (of Biblically based doctrine, supported in spiritual conviction), a person will not have the conscience (nor the power) to live according to this Biblically based doctrine. A person without this foundation, will never be able to be righteous. Eventually, this person will become more concerned with being caught than with being righteous before God. Being a good person is not the same thing as being a righteous person.*

**Hebrews 6: 10-12** For God is not unrighteous to forget your **work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to **the full assurance of hope** unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience **inherit the promises**.



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*Under the Law of Moses, there was no work that could accomplish the perfecting of one's conscience. This perfection came through Christ Jesus. Only through faith in Christ could one obtain true freedom from dead works, unto inheriting the promises of God.*

**Hebrews 9:9-15** Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as **pertaining to the conscience**; 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation. 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive **the promise of eternal inheritance**.

*Under God's grace through Christ Jesus, dead works may now be seen as any work (motivated by a sinful conscience outside of faith in Christ. For whatsoever is not of faith is sin, (Romans 14:23) outside of the doctrine of Christ.*

### **Sanctification:**

**Sanctification:** (Greek 0038 - as used in 2 Thessalonians 2:13) ἁγιασμός hagioσmos; from 37; properly, **purification**, i.e. **(the state) purity**; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier: - **holiness, sanctification**.

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to **salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth**: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Repentance from dead works includes the reformation from dead works unto living works. Living works are the destination of the reformation processes. They are works that pass the judgement tests of God, and thus yield into eternal rewards based on God's promises (covenants). It is the first message a new believer needs to understand if they are to successfully adhere to the doctrine of Christ.*

*Sanctification is the state of the soul, at any time, as it relates to God's judgement.*



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**1 Peter 1:2-5** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of **the blood of Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God **through faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*One's soul can become impure again after it has had purification by the blood of Christ, not because Christ's blood was ever insufficient to purify, but because a person's faith becomes entangled and tainted with sin, and the love of the world motivates that person instead of their faith in Christ.*

**Hebrews 11:6** 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.

**Galatians 5:1-9** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and **be not entangled again** with the yoke of bondage. 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are **fallen from grace**. 5 For we **through the Spirit** wait for the hope of **righteousness by faith**. 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. 7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not **obey the truth**? 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

**2 Peter 2:18-22** For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the **lusts of the flesh**, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled therein, and overcome**, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, **to turn from the holy commandment** delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

**1 John 2:15-17** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man **love the world**, the love of the Father **is not in him**. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: **but he that doeth** the will of God abideth for ever.



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*Sanctification and holiness are sometimes used interchangeably. It may be discerned that holiness is the state of sanctification. Sanctification is given by God to a person that is living in holiness.*

*When a person keeps their heart clean by continual repentance and confession to God, they are living a dedicated life unto Him. One cannot keep their own hearts from sin on their own; it requires faith in Christ and obedience to His doctrine.*

**2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

**7:1** Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let **us cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.

### **Continual Cleansing:**

*A person that is sanctified one day, may find themselves in an unholy state shortly thereafter. It is a continual press (fight) to battle the continual attacks of the Devil. There is a spiritual warfare that battles a person's mind for the spiritual reward of their soul. For an in-depth review of Spiritual Battles, please refer to the lessons on the Armor of God.*

**2 Peter 1:4-12** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of **the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 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. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling



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down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into **captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, **when your obedience is fulfilled**.

*Each person's foundation of repentance from dead works is continually tested as their faith in Christ is perfected.*

**James 1:23-27** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man **he was**. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, **and continueth therein**, he **being not a forgetful hearer**, but **a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed. 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but **deceiveth his own heart**, this man's **religion is vain**. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, **and to keep himself** unspotted **from the world**.

**1 Peter 4:1-4** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in **the flesh to the lusts of men**, but to the will of God. 3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, **when we walked in** lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein they think it strange that **ye run not with them to the same** excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:

**James 1:12-16** Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away** of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, **when it is finished, bringeth forth death**. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

*These works of the flesh (dead works) are born of a defiled conscience. When the conscience is spiritually weak, there is no power to overcome one's fleshly lusts that lead to dead works.*

**Purloining:** (Greek 3557 - as used in *Titus 2:10*) to sequester for oneself, i.e. embezzle:--keep back, purloin.

Example: To purposely hold back or appropriate for one's own personal pleasure.

**Sequesterate:** (Merriam-Webster): to set apart, seclude, withdraw.





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Example: To not allow God to be Lord over every aspect of one's life, but to hold back for personal pleasure or gain. Not allowing God to cleanse away certain sins from one's life because that person is addicted to them and does not want them removed from them.

**Fidelity:** (Greek 4102 - as used in *Titus 2:10*) persuasion, i.e. credence; **moral conviction** (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), **especially reliance upon Christ for salvation**; abstractly, **constancy in such profession**; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: -- assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

*When a person purposely holds back (or appropriates) of or for themselves, especially transgressing conviction, that person is considered to be purloining. God wants us to show all good fidelity by living apart from the world instead of giving in to it.*

**Titus 2:10-15** Not **purloining**, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 **Teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, **in this present world**; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, **and** purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-8** For this is the will of God, even your **sanctification**, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in **sanctification and honour**; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but **unto holiness**. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also **given unto us his holy Spirit**.

**Romans 6:12-17** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should **obey it in the lusts thereof**. 13 Neither **yield ye your members** as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that **are alive from the dead**, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to **whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey**, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** which was delivered you.

**Revelation 2:4-5** Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore **from whence thou art fallen**, and



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repent, **and do the first works**; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

**Romans 8:5-14** For they that are **after the flesh** do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: **for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.** 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:** but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

*Holiness is a choice that they make, without wavering in the face of worldly battles that they endure. The promises of God are a sure foundation that will never change. As a person maintains their walk and faith in Christ, they are champions of repentance from dead works, through and in the grace of God.*



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**Question 1**

As described in Hebrews 6:1, we must repent from dead works.

True

False

True/False

**Question 2**

As defined, fidelity could indicate:

A faith in Jesus.

Moral conviction.

The pride of life.

A belief in Jesus.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

**Question 3**

As described in Titus 2:12, God is well pleased when we live:

Godly.

Righteously.

Corruptly.

Soberly.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

**Question 4**

As described in James 1:23-27, according to the perfect law of liberty we must:

Let the works of the flesh rule.

Not be a forgetful hearer.

Be a doer of the work.

Continue therein.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

**Question 6**

As described in James 1:12-16, our reward for enduring temptation will be receiving the crown of life.

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True

False

True/False





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**Question 7**

As described in Revelation 2:4-5, if we lose our first love, we do not need to repent.

True

False

True/False

**Question 8**

As described in 2 Peter 1:4-12, we must give diligence to make our calling and election sure.

True

False

True/False

**Question 9**

As defined, if we are sanctified, we are also:

Consecrated.

Made holy.

Purified.

Proud.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

**Question 10**

As described, the foundation of repentance from dead works includes:

Shame for sin (deeds that transgress God's Word and holiness).

Changes to one's life that reflect the remedy for sin.

Reciting the Sinner's Prayer.

Offering two lambs to one's Pastor.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

**Question 11**

As defined, signs of having a repentant heart would include:

Feelings of shame and regret.

A guilty conscience.

Knowing we must change from dead works.

Continuing in witchcraft.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)



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**Question 12**

As defined, purloining would be desiring to be sincere with God.

True

False

True/False

**Question 13**

As described in Galatians 4:1-9, we cannot fall from grace.

True

False

True/False