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*sermon notes*

# FOUNDATIONS

## *Part 2*

Last time we looked at the wise builder who built on a strong foundation. What he had built withstood the storm because he built with a strong foundation, a firm structure and an enduring roof. This week we want to look at what Hebrews calls the 6 foundation stones of Christianity.

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

Hebrews 6:1-2 NKJV

This Verse outlines 6 foundation stones that need to be in our foundation: 1. Repentance from dead works; 2. Faith Toward God; 3. Doctrine of baptisms; 4. Laying on of hands; 5. Resurrection of the dead; 6. Eternal Judgement

Today we will look at *repentance from dead works*:

### **1. Works in the Bible:**

- a. Works of Jesus: Luke 19:37, John 5:20, John 5:36, John 10:25
- b. Works of God: John 6:28, John 9:3, Acts 2:11, John 10:32
- c. Good Works: Mat. 5:16, 2Cor. 9:8, Eph. 2:10, Col. 1:10, 2Thes. 3:17, Heb. 10:24
- d. Dead Works: Heb. 6:1, 9:14

## 2. When does a “Good Work” become a “Dead Work”?

“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

## 3. Turning from Dead Works: the first foundation stone

Romans 3:27, Romans 4:2-6, Galatians 2:16, Galatians 3:2,5,10

### Consider and Discuss

- Have you ever doubted that you might be accepted by God? How have you dealt with those feelings?
- Why do you think we have to turn from, or repent from “Dead Works” ?
- Do you ever find yourself trying to “earn” God’s approval by doing “good works”?
- Do you ever feel you are far from God because you’ve let God down somehow?

### *Next Steps:*

- Memorize Ephesians 2:8-10
- Take time to examine your motivation of doing good works: do you do them because you are saved, or do you do them to maintain or secure your salvation? If the Holy Spirit shows you the latter, turn from that way of thinking and thank Him for the free gift of your salvation.