

## Remember The Basics (Seven Steps To Maturity)

As I was praying in the Spirit November 20, 2002, I heard “when all else fails, remember the basics”. I picked up my pen and started writing as the Holy Spirit spoke—“When all else fails, always remember the basics and go back to the basics. The basics are the point of all beginnings. A warning, if you miss, leave out, or skip the basics you will always have problems in your life.

This is the problem with my children today. They have missed, left out or skipped over my basics in trying to serve me. What are my basics? The three basic steps are 1) be born again, 2) be born of water, and 3) be born of the Spirit. 4&5) Then you must put off the old man and put on the new man in the image of Christ by the washing of the Word. Leave out any of the five basic steps and you will be deceived and lead astray by false prophets. Trying to do my Kingdom work without all five steps leaves you without knowledge, wisdom and power. You are incomplete for you know me not in your heart but only in your head.

I ask you why you know me not; is it because you don't do step six by seeking me in your prayer closet? How many do step seven of the basics? How many do the first love by taking communion of breaking the bread and drinking the fruit of the vine daily?

Let us review the seven basic steps to be complete, competent, and compatible with my Kingdom and with other Christians. 1) must be born again, 2) must be born of water, 3) must be born of the Spirit, 4) must put off the old man and put on the new man in the image of Christ, 5) must be washed in the Word, 6) must seek me in your prayer closet, and 7) must partake of communion with me daily by the braking of bread and the drinking of the fruit of the vine. By doing the seven basic steps by faith, you will be ready for the day of salvation. You will not be misled or deceived by the many claiming salvation by other means. And you will be able to stand in the days of chaos coming as my judgments are amplified without fear of the times. But you will have peace, love and joy rejoicing and being glad each day.” Amen. **John 12:48 48** *But all who reject me and my message will be judged at the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken.* (NLT)

**Steps 1-3—John 3:3-5** <sup>3</sup> *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* <sup>4</sup> *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?* <sup>5</sup> *Jesus answered, Verily,*

*verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)*

**Step 4— Ephesians 4:22-24** **22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (KJV) **2 Corinthians 5:17** **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV) **Romans 6:6-8** **6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **7** For he that is dead is freed from sin. **8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: (KJV)

**Step 5— Ephesians 5:25-27** **25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word**, **27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (KJV) **Romans 10:17** **17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (KJV)

**Step 6—Matthew 6:5-7** **5** *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.* **6** *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.* **7** *But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.* (KJV)

**Step 7—Acts 2:42** **42** They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer. (NLT) **Acts 2:46-47** **46** They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity--**47** all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. (NLT) **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** **23** For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, *Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.* **25** After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, *This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in*

*remembrance of me.* **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. (KJV) **Revelation 2:1-5** **1** *Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;* **2** *I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:* **3** *And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.* **4** *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.* **5** *Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and 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.* (KJV)

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Definition Written By: J. C. Lambert—"In the opinion of the great majority of scholars the Agape was a meal at which not only bread and wine but all kinds of viands were used, a meal which had the double purpose of satisfying hunger and thirst and giving expression to the sense of Christian brotherhood. At the end of this feast, bread and wine were taken according to the Lord's command, and after thanksgiving to God were eaten and drunk in remembrance of Christ and as a special means of communion with the Lord Himself and through Him with one another. The Agape was thus related to the Eucharist as Christ's last Passover to the Christian rite which He grafted upon it. It preceded and led up to the Eucharist, and was quite distinct from it. In opposition to this view it has been strongly urged by some modern critical scholars that in the apostolic age the Lord's Supper was not distinguished from the Agape, but that the Agape itself from beginning to end was the Lord's Supper which was held in memory of Jesus. It seems fatal to such an idea, however, that while Paul makes it quite evident that bread and wine were the only elements of the memorial rite instituted by Jesus (1Cor 11:23-29), the abuses which had come to prevail at the social gatherings of the Corinthian church would have been impossible in the case of a meal consisting only of bread and wine (compare 1Cor 11:21, 33f) Moreover, unless the Eucharist in the apostolic age had been discriminated from the common meal, it would be difficult to explain how at a later period the two could be found diverging from each other so completely."

Days later after receiving the 'Seven Basic Steps' from the Holy Spirit, I was reading **1 Corinthians 11: 28-31** **28** *But let a man examine himself, and so let him*

*eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (KJV) As I read those verses the Holy Spirit spoke—" that is why they are weak and sick today (Christians) for they judge not themselves about their salvation. Many have never completed the 1<sup>st</sup> six basic steps for salvation and they eat and drink unworthily. They have never discerned what true salvation is."*

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