

Doctrine of Christ

1. The concept of the doctrine of Christ is mentioned three times in Scripture.
 - *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,*
 - *2 John 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*
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2. The author of Hebrews associates six specific principles or teachings with the Doctrine of Christ in Hebrews 6:1-2. *“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, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”*
 - Doctrine of Repentance
 - Doctrine of Faith
 - Doctrine of Baptisms
 - Doctrine of Authority
 - Doctrine of the Resurrection
 - Doctrine of Eternal judgment.

Special Note.
Notice that the word “baptisms” is in the plural because there are seven different baptisms mentioned in Scripture.

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The Doctrine of Authority is referred to by the phrase, “the laying on of hands” in Hebrews 6:2.

3. The apostle John declares that the person that does not abide in the Doctrine of Christ does not have God.

4. The apostle John does state that the person who does abide in the Doctrine of Christ does have both the Father and the Son.

5. To have both the Father and the Son is to have the approval of heaven and it is to have their abiding presence.
 - God the Father. *Psalms 90:1 A Prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.*

- God the Son. *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

6. The way to abide in the doctrine of Christ and thus have Christ to abide in the heart is sixfold.

- Eat the hidden manna. The hidden manna is first mentioned in Exodus 16:32-34. According to Hebrews 9:4 the hidden manna was placed in the Ark, which was in the Holy of Holies within the Tabernacle of God. This special portion of manna reminded God's people of the Lord's daily food during their wilderness journey. By eating the manna the people were sustained. By spending time with Christ on a daily basis the believer is sustained.
- Study the Scriptures. To come to the Scriptures is to come to Christ. To abide in the Scriptures is to abide in Christ and thus to have Christ abide in you. *John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*
- Speak to Jesus and speak about Him to others. *2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*
- Always rejoice in the Lord. *1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*
- Bear spiritual fruit. Seek to do good to others. *John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*
- Long for the presence of the Lord. Ask for the Holy Spirit. *Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

7. To abide in Christ is to be faithful.

- *Matthew 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*