

A large, jagged iceberg floats in the middle of a dark blue ocean. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. In the foreground, a smaller, smoother iceberg floats on the water's surface. The overall scene is serene and somewhat somber.

Hebrews 6:1 - 2

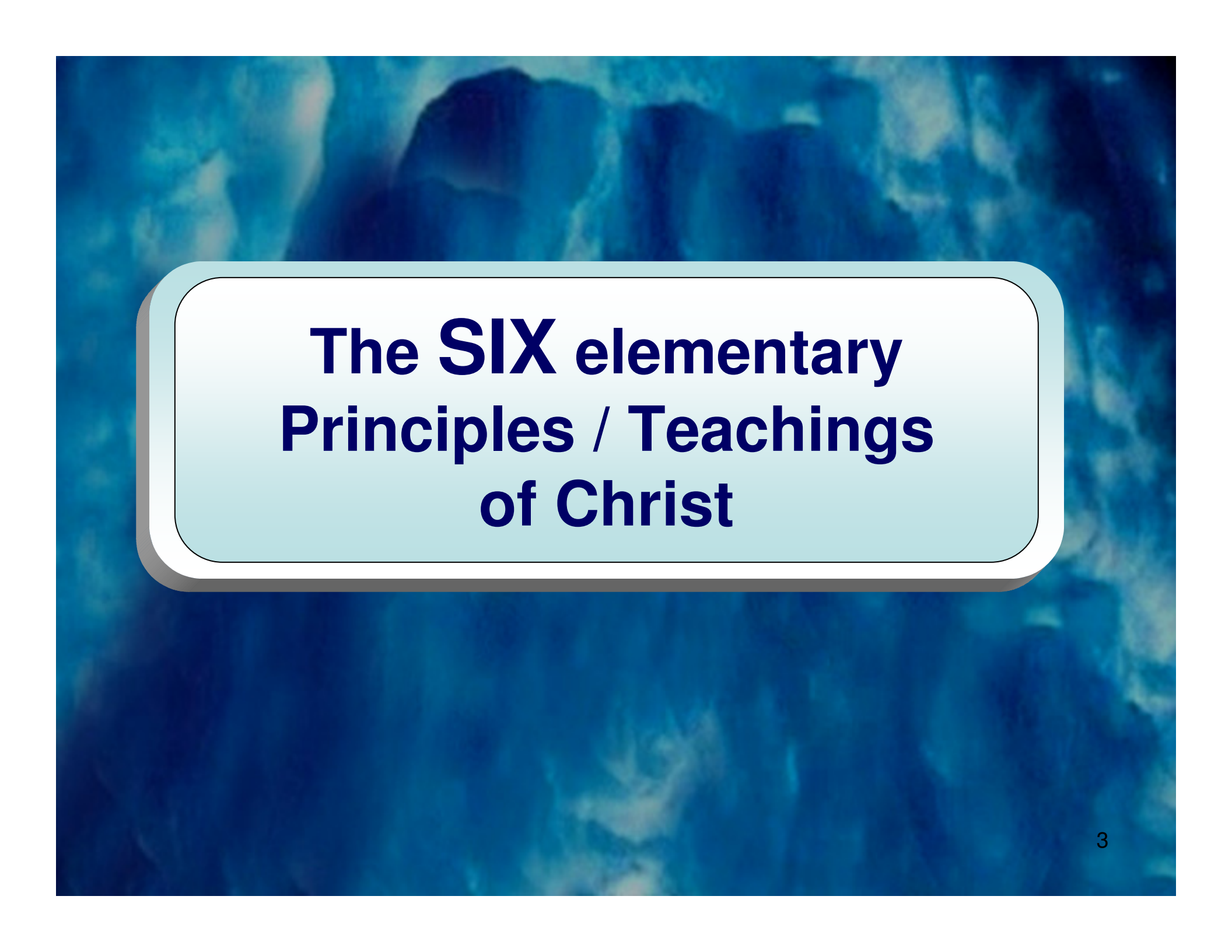
The Elementary Principles of Christ

Part I

PRESS ON TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Hebrews 6:1 – 2

¹Therefore, 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, ²of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.



The **SIX elementary
Principles / Teachings
of Christ**

FOUNDATIONS

6. Judgment

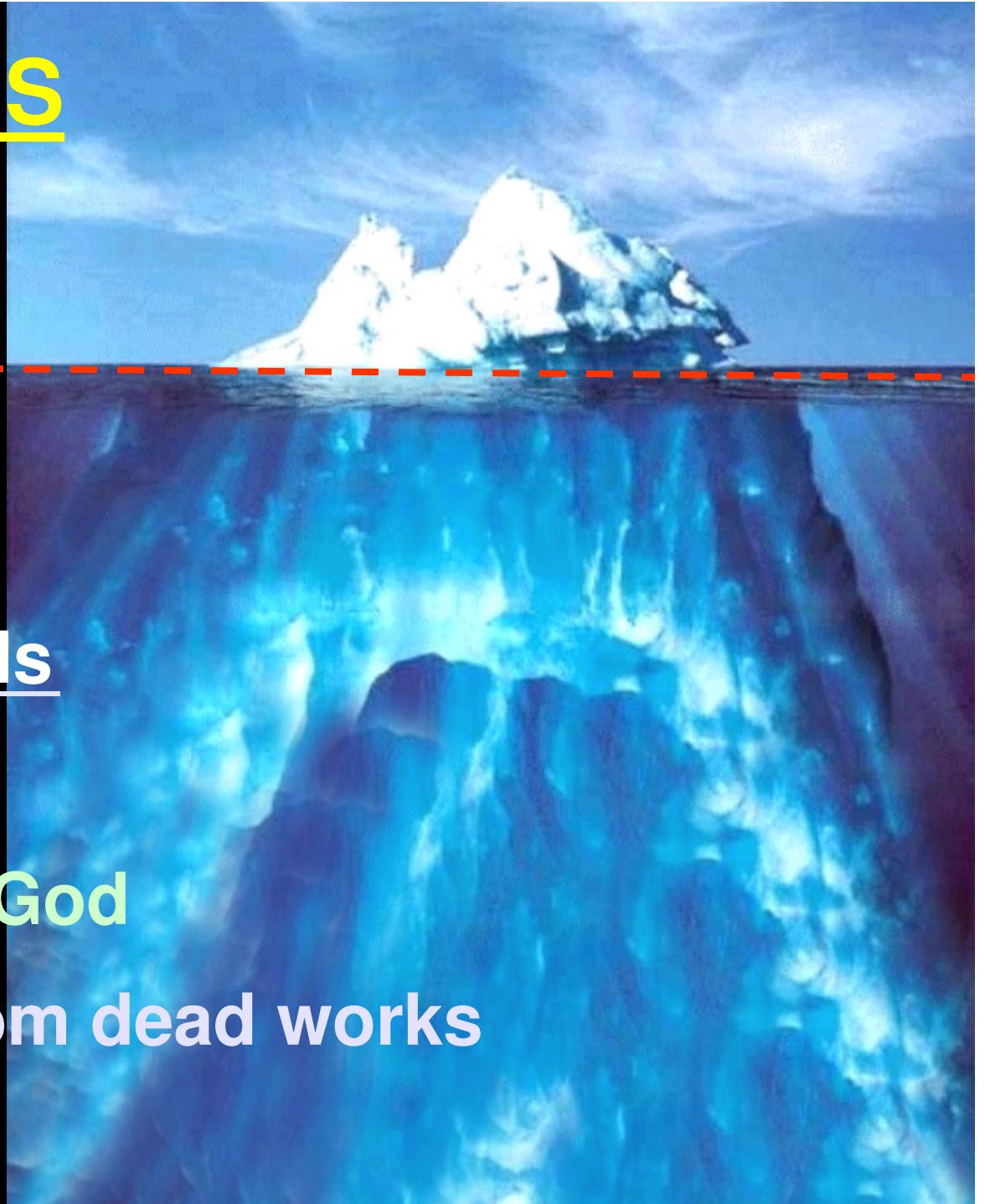
5. Resurrection

4. Laying of Hands

3. Baptisms

2. Faith towards God

1. Repentance from dead works



CHRIST is the Rock of our Foundation

Luke 6:47 – 48

⁴⁷Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

Foundation #1

Repentance from Dead Works

- i. The first call to sinners is to repent from sins leading to eternal life.
- ii. The first call to believers is to repent from dead works to enable faith towards God to develop.

Foundation #1

Repentance from Dead Works

iii. Repentance means :

a change of mind and heart leading to
a change in attitude and behavior

2 Chronicles 7:14

if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he ...

Dead Works

A Dead Work is anything we do from our flesh i.e. not initiated by God

A Dead Work is hence, anything which is void of the life of God and hence, does not edify & does not add value to the life of others

Dead Works

A Dead Work is OPPOSITE of 3 John 2

3 John 2

Beloved, I pray that you may
prosper (spiritually) in all things
and be in health (bodily),
just as your soul prospers.

Dead Works

There are 2 categories of Dead Works :-

1. Everything that we did before we were saved.

This includes

the sins
or works of
the Flesh
Gal 5:19- 21

and

the works of
the Devil
1 John 3:8

Dead Works

There are 2 categories of Dead Works :-

1. Everything that we did before we were saved.

2. Everything that is void of the life of God in our living & service for God.

Examples from Scriptures : #1

Revelation 3:1 – 2

¹“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, these things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

²Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

Examples from Scriptures : #2

2 Samuel 24:10

And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people.

So David said to the LORD,
“I have sinned greatly in what I have done;
but now, I pray, O LORD,
take away the iniquity of Your servant,
for I have done very foolishly.”

Examples from Scriptures : #3

Exodus 2:11 – 12

¹¹Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹²So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

**2. Everything that is void of the life of God
in our living & service for God.**

**Zeal of the flesh [without knowledge]
Romans 10:2**

VS

Zeal of the Spirit

**Application to our
Church-In-Action Groups - CGs**

Foundation #2

Faith towards God

**There must be repentance
from Dead Works to enable Faith
towards God to develop**

**In fact, anything apart from Faith in God
is dead**

Foundation #2

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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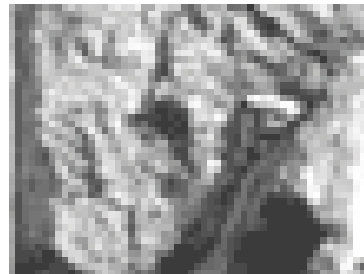
Romans 14:23

But he who doubts is condemned if he eats,
because he does not eat from faith;
for whatever is not from faith is sin.

**Having faith in God involves
an exchange of trust from self to God**



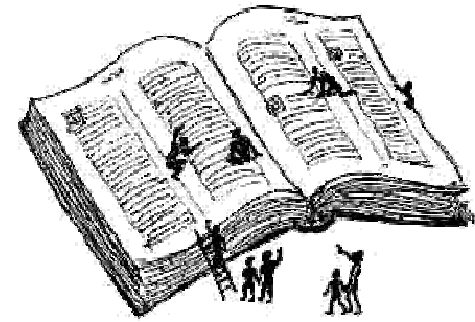
**How does
Faith towards
God develop?**



1. Faith comes from HEARING the Word of God

Romans 10:17

**So then faith comes by
hearing, and hearing by
the Word of God.**



Word Intake

2 Peter 1:2 – 4

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His Divine Power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature...

2. Develop Personal CONVICTIONS – Biblical Values

2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things;
nevertheless I am not ashamed,
for I know whom I have believed and
am persuaded that He is able to keep
what I have committed to Him until that Day.

2. Develop Personal CONVICTIONS – Biblical Values

Number 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie,
nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken,
and will He not make it good?

3. **BELIEVE** in your Heart and **SPEAK**
with your Mouth, the Word in you

Romans 10:8 – 10

The word is near you, it is in your mouth and heart
i.e. the **Word of faith we are proclaiming,**
that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus
and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one **believes unto righteousness,**
and with the mouth
confession is made unto salvation.

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Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in
the power of the tongue,
and those who love it
will eat its fruit.

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Matthew 17:20

So Jesus said,

“if you have **faith as a mustard seed,**
you will **say** to this mountain,
‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move;
and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Foundation #3

The Doctrine of Baptisms

There are 3 Baptism Experiences :

1. Baptism into the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

This happens when we are born again.

**This establishes our POSITION
in the universal Body of Christ.**

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**This is our PUBLIC CONFESSION
of our identification with Christ
in His death, burial and resurrection.**

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There are 3 Baptism Experiences :

1. Baptism into the Body of Christ
2. Baptism in Water
3. Baptism with the Holy Spirit and with Fire

Matthew 3:11 – 12

... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

This is also known as to be
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine ...
but be filled with the Spirit

3. Baptism with the Holy Spirit and with Fire

This is the ENABLING and EMPOWERING
of the Holy Spirit on the believer
in his life & ministry

PURIFICATION then POWER

Matthew 3:11 – 12

... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

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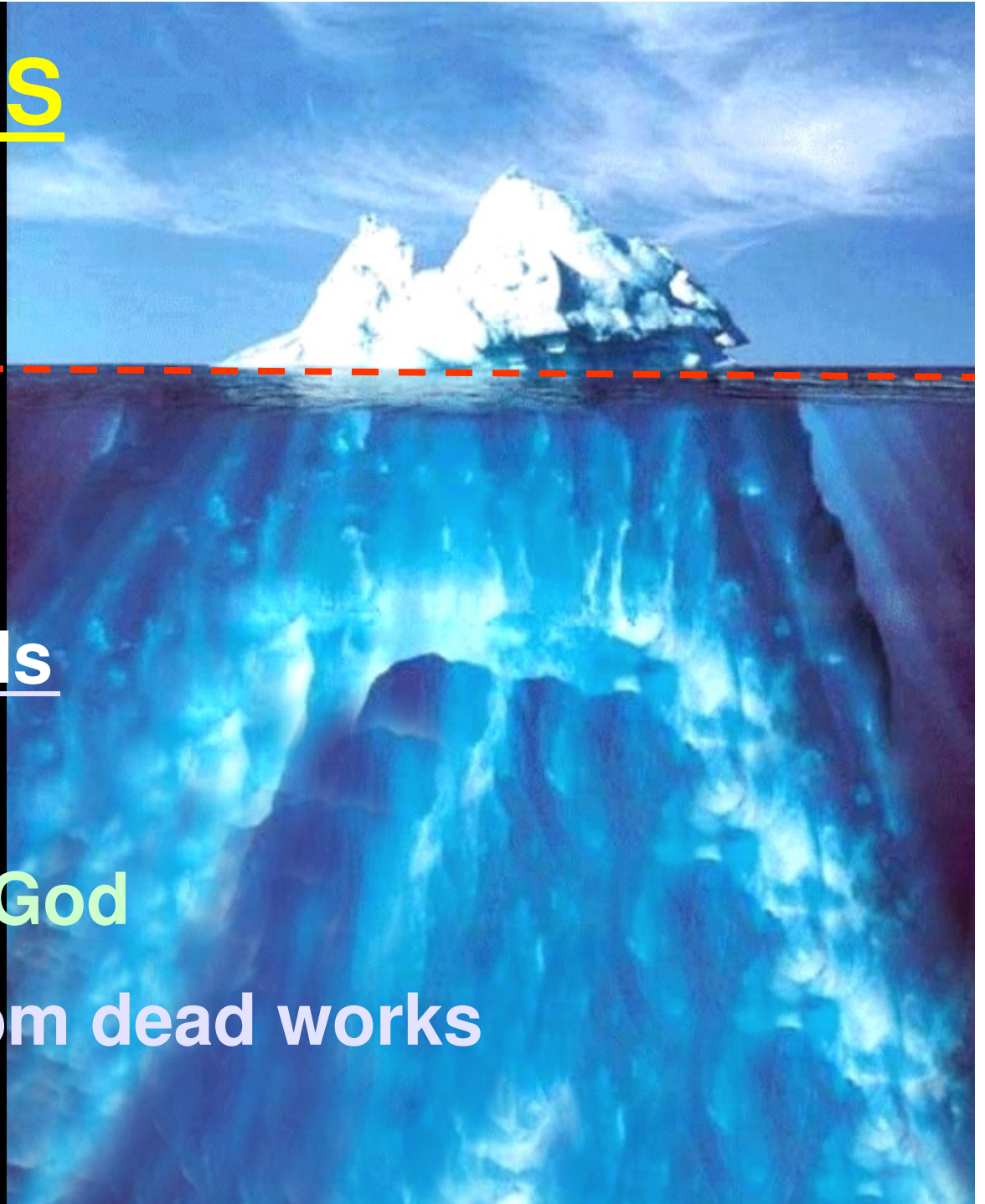
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Summary and Application

1. We must repent from dead works.
2. We must develop faith towards God in all our living and serving.

Summary and Application

3. Baptism

- a. Are you born again?
Have you received Christ as
Savior and Lord?
- b. Have you been water-baptized
i.e. publicly declaring your faith
in Christ?
- c. Are you baptized / filled with
the Holy Spirit?