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## ABSTRACT

The research sets out to find the meanings of the basic doctrine outlined in the text and to draw its implications for Ogbomoso Baptist Conference. The study attempts to synthesize the doctrine of Christ according to how the early Christians taught and practiced it. Chapter 6:1-3 is the heart of the author's argument. Six basic aspects of Christian teachings are enumerated here; they may well have been regarded in this particular church as the essential features of catechetical instruction for young converts.

The result of the findings indeed is to enhance the knowledge of ministers of the gospel to see themselves as the instruments to promote the doctrine of Christ in the church so as to help the church members to grow spiritually and also to meet the standard of the Lord Jesus Christ. In order to achieve the purpose of this study and produce an acceptable academic work, the writer made an effort to gather information from written materials related to the subject. Relevant sources from J.C Pool Memorial Library of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, and other resources from the internet were sought. The historical-grammatical approach is used in the study. Pastors have great responsibility to build up their members to spiritual maturity. It is basic to lay doctrinal foundations, but they must go on to deeper truths of Christianity like the writer of Hebrews.

Intensive and adequate teaching of God's word will bring about this desired growth. The research interacted with different authors on the issue of Christ doctrine and with some renowned New Testament scholars like William Barclay, F.F. Bruce, Donald Guthrie, and the likes.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### 5.1 SUMMARY

The Hebrew Christians to whom the book of Hebrews was written to were struggling between slipping back into Judaism or continuing as Christians. The writer encouraged them to keep on in the Christian faith, and to grow up to maturity. Instead of laying again the foundation of principles which his readers were familiar with even as Jews, he went on to more mature doctrines of Christ. He tried to help both the struggling Christian and the stable among them. It is not going back to the basics that will lead to maturity but building upon the basic truths other Christian truths.

### 5.2 CONCLUSION

The writer of Hebrews is not saying the basics are not important, but he is saying we cannot remain there forever. Pastors need to grow out of building foundation into erecting structures on the foundation. We need to grow out of feeding our members only the milk of the word of God into giving them the solid food.

We need to learn and teach what will produce the desired Christian maturity. Paul and Jesus described the word as food for the spirit. (I Cor. 3:1-3, Mt. 4:4). We need to teach more about the righteousness and the grace of God which will enhance Christian maturity. We need to talk about the fruits of the spirit and the love of God. The church needs to hear more about the grace of God than the message of condemnation.

### 5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of this study, I will like to recommend for pastors in Ogbomosho Baptist Conference the following:

1. Take stock of your teachings and sermon notes in the last six months and see how much of spiritual truths you have been giving to your members.
2. Consider in your congregations whether people are repenting or they have been living just as you met them.
3. Take time to teach on truths that will bring maturity like the righteousness of God, the grace of God and the love of God.
4. Do your best to develop your teaching ministry as that is one way to help people grow spiritually.