

BABY STEPS
The Basics – Part 1

ON TV: What must a person **believe** in order to be a faithful Christ Follower?

ON TV: What a Christ Follower **must do**.

ON TV: What are **the basics**...the essentials?

ON TV: Each one of them is **absolutely confident that they're right**.

ON TV: What's the **necessary, crucial, and basic essential beliefs**, that without them, you can't be a faithful Christ Follower?

ON TV: What's **not**?

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#1: What's **cultural**?

#2: What's **comfortable**?

#3: What's **traditional**?

#4: What's **harmful**?

ON TV: In your **zeal** to rid yourself of something unwanted or harmful, don't inadvertently or accidentally **rid** yourself of something **valuable** and **important**.

ON TV: Non-essentials **become essential**.

ON TV: And the reasons we know sometimes that these things aren't essential and are not the basics of our Christian faith, is because when you **hold them up against what Jesus prioritized and what Jesus did not prioritize**, it becomes clear: that's not essential to Christianity.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "...*follow me.*" *Matthew 16:24b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: "34 *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*" *John 13:34-35*

ON TV/OUTLINE: "43 *You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'* 44 *But I say: Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!* *Matthew 5:43-44*

ON TV: A faith tradition or a church that can't be questioned, **can't be trusted**.

ON TV: QR Code

ON TV: A faith that is **not allowed to grow up** will be **deconstructed** intentionally or eventually.

ON TV: What must a person **believe** to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

ON TV/OUTLINE: "When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the *Son of Man* is?' " *Matthew 16:13*

ON TV: Who do **you** think Jesus is?

ON TV/OUTLINE: "14 *They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah one of the prophets.'* 15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'" *Matthew 16:14-15*

ON TV/OUTLINE: "Simon Peter answered, 'You are the *Messiah*, the *Son of the living God.*" *Matthew 16:16*

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by *my Father in heaven*.’” Matthew 16:17

ON TV: #1: Jesus is **God’s Son**, and **our King**.

ON TV: If that’s who Jesus is, then what else can we do but **submit**? What else can we do but **worship**? What else can we do but say, ‘**Yes**’?

ON TV: To **Follow**