

BASICS: THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE—THE FIVE TECHNIQUES

1. God has provided techniques for every believer in the church age to access His unique grace resources for the church age.
2. These techniques are mechanics whereby doctrine is translated in our life.
3. Use of these techniques enable the believer to live and thrive in God.
4. Five techniques:
 - a. #1, Biblical confession of sin, 1 John 1:9. Confession of sin enables the believer to enter back into the plan of God and thus stop the damage of carnality. This is the only biblical mandate of getting back into fellowship.
 - b. #2, Filling of the Holy Spirit. Upon confession the believer is filled with the Holy Spirit and under His influence. Knowing this has a way of producing confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit rather than one's own human power.
 - c. #3, Faith-Rest. This is knowing, believing, and applying the promises and doctrines of the Word of God. By the use of the faith-rest technique, the believer gains more confidence as he is enabled to handle the problems of life.
 - d. #4, Occupation with Christ. This enables the believer to orient to his ultimate destiny. This builds confidence of the believer who ties his self-esteem to the Lord rather than the people or "stuff" he has accumulated in this world.
 - e. #5, Living in the Word of God, Isa. 33:6; Psa. 138:2. This is studying, knowing, and using the Word of God for all of life's situations: the challenges as well as the blessings. This is key to building a Christian worldview. It is the word of God that builds us up (Acts 20:32, edification) and is the springboard for moving into maturity.
5. The OT believers had three techniques
 - a. Confession of sin.
 - b. Faith-rest.
 - c. Occupation with Christ.
6. In the church age there are two additional techniques and resources.
 - a. Filling of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Living in the Word of God. We are now blessed with the completed canon of God's revelation in the 66 books of the Bible.

In Him,

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