

The Problem of Immaturity

Hebrews 5:12-6:12



¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

6 Therefore, 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, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.

⁴ For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

⁷ For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; ⁸ but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

⁹ But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. ¹⁰ For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

1. In verse 11 -12, what does the writer of Hebrews say about his readers?

2. What does he mean by milk and solid food in verses 12-14?"

3. In verse 11 and verse 14, what is the difference between the babies and those who are mature?

4. There are four characteristics of those who are immature in the faith. What are they?

5. In chapter 6 verse 1, what does the writer command the readers to do? Why did they need this reminder?

6. What are the basic foundational beliefs every believer should know in Chapter 6 verse 1-3?

7. Read Hebrews Chapter 2:1-4 and 3:7-19. Who does chapter 6 verse 4-7 refer to?

8. There are four schools of thought concerning Chapter 6 verses 4-7. What are they?

9. Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. How does it relate to Hebrews 6:4-7?

10. What does chapter 6 verse 6 say it is impossible to be renewed to (see chapter 3:13)?

11. What are the better things of Hebrews 6:9-12?
