

“THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF WILLFUL IMMATURITY”

HEBREWS 5:11-6:8

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INTRO

MESSAGE Let us press on to maturity.

WARNING – You are walking on thin ice spiritually if you are not growing in grace (5:11-14)

1. You still can't motivate yourself to have daily quiet times (11).
2. You still don't know how to help others grow spiritually (12a).
3. You are still feeding on spiritual baby food i.e.. doctrinal basics (12b-13).
4. You still have a hard time knowing what the will of God is i.e. distinguishing between moral and non-moral issues (14).

EXHORTATION – It's time for you to feed on the doctrine of grace (6:1-3)

1. It's time to start eating spiritual meat! You need to mature (1-2)!

Repentance from dead works
Faith toward God
Instructions about washings (baptisms)
Laying on of hands
The resurrection of the dead
Eternal judgment

2. Yet, never let yourself get bored with the basics (3)!

EXPLANATION – There is no longer forgiveness and fellowship under the doctrines of the O.T. law (6:4-8)

1. This teaching is for Christians. They have already experienced something of the “reign of grace” (4-5)
2. It is fruitless to put yourself back under a system where fellowship – forgiveness is impossible (6-8).
 - a. The result of fellowship – forgiveness is growth in grace and blessing in time (7).
 - b. The inability to receive fellowship – forgiveness, because of a return to law-keeping, results in divine discipline in time and a loss of rewards in eternity (8).