

Treasure Hunt

- (Nate:) Why should the readers be able to understand Melchizedek?
- (Ben:) How does God intend that we learn to discern good and evil?
- What alternative approach did Satan suggest to Eve in the garden?
- (Nate:) Where did the message of “repentance and faith” originate?
- (Ben:) Why does the writer speak of “baptisms” (plural)?
- Does the writer consider teaching about the last things basic or advanced?
- What four characteristics of believers did the Hebrews show?
- What does “fall away” (6:6) mean?
- Why does the author refuse to give his readers the basic instruction they appear to need (5:12)?

Epistle to the Hebrews

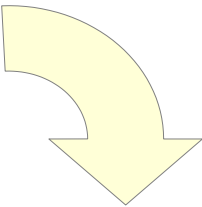
1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of **the Son**
1:1-4, Introduction

1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels
1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels
2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect
2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

3:1-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests
3:1-6 A **Faithful** High Priest
3:7-4:13 **Warning**: Unbelief
4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest

10:26-13:19, The Life of **the Sons**

13:20-25, Epistolary Close



4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest
4:14-16, Opening: Hold Fast & Draw Near
5:1-10, *Similarities* to other Priests
5:11-6:20, **Warning**: Stagnation
7:1-10:18, *Differences* from other Priests
10:19-25, Closing: Draw Near & Hold Fast

Structure of 5:1-6:12

The Paradox of 5:11-6:6

5:11-14 **ye have need** that one **teach you again** which be **the first ἀρχή principles** of the oracles of God

6:1 Therefore **leaving** **the principles ἀρχή** of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation** of **repentance** ...

- List of three pairs of foundation principles

6:4-6 **For it is impossible** for saved (4-5), sinning (6b) people ... to **renew them again** unto **repentance**;

- List of five characteristics

References for 5:11-6:2

5:12, God's Word as Food

Jer. 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Psa. 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Ps 119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

1Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Six Foundational Principles

6:1, Repentance and Faith (Conversion)

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent** ye, and **believe** the gospel.

Jer. 8:6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man **repented** him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

6:2a, Baptisms and Laying On of Hands (Identification)

6:2b, Resurrection and Judgment (Expectation)

Five Characteristics, 6:4-6

6:4 were once [for all] **enlightened**
and have **tasted of the heavenly gift,**

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

and were made **partakers of the Holy Ghost,**

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

5 and have **tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,**

6 and **trespassed**

Matt. 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Where does 6:6b Connect?

6:4-6 It is impossible for those who are saved and **offend** ... to **renew** them again unto repentance ...

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- crucifying to themselves the Son of God afresh
- putting him to an open shame