

HEBREWS

STUDY 07 – HEB 5:11-6:12

1. What hobbies do you have that you have done over and over and have become good at? Why is it that you have become good at these things?

Things may include stuff like playing the guitar, surfing, learning a language etc. We become good at these things through lots of practice!



Read Hebrews 5:11-6:12

2. Why is it hard for the writer of Hebrews to explain things to them? (5: 11)

Because they are slow to learn! He is saying that they are spiritually dull.

3. Where should the Hebrews be at in terms of their spiritual maturity? What are they actually at? (5:12)

They should be at the point of being able to teach others. Yet we see that they still don't understand the basics for themselves.

4. Try to un-jumble the following:

NINOAGREC

IGNORANCE



TYMMRUIAIT

IMMATURITY



IVSEENCTNFFEIES

INEFFECTIVENESS

5. Who is solid food reserved for, and what is the result of taking that food? (5:14)

It is for those who are spiritually mature. The result of it is wise discernment; spiritual growth; and understanding the certain hope of eternity.

6. What does the writer tell his readers to move on to? What will that involve?

They are to move on to better maturity and understanding. It involves not going over the basics again and again. They need to further develop.

7. Try to identify the six elementary teachings of Christ from 6:1-2, and explain what each of them means.

a. Repentance (v1) – sorry for things in past, and staying away from in future

b. Faith in God (v1) – a genuine belief in Jesus' death and resurrection

c. Baptism (v2) – as a symbol of commitment to God / cleansing

d. Laying on of hands (v2) – praying for and supporting others

e. Resurrection of the dead (v2) – a bodily resurrection for heaven

f. Eternal judgment (v2) – heaven or hell

8. The writer then moves on to give a stern warning. What is his warning in 6:6?

He warns them not to turn away from the truth!

9. Who is this warning directed towards, and what can we note of their characteristics?

It is a warning that applies to all Christians, but particularly in this situation towards these Jewish Christians who are in danger of going back to their old ways. They are genuine believers.

10. Why do you think this warning has been issued?

They are in real danger of returning to their old ways. This would effectively be rejecting Jesus and his saving work.

11. What is one thing that God will not forget about his people? (6:10)

He will not forget the work for Christ (the service) that they have done. He will not forget the love they have for Christ and for others.

12. What does the writer want his readers to do as a result of this?

He wants them to persevere to the end!

13. Reflecting on your own faith – are you growing in your relationship with Christ, or are you still an infant? What things can you do to make sure you are growing?

A place for personal reflection and a chance to assess how we ourselves are going at these things that we have been looking at. What can we do practically to aid us in this?

14. Think about the warning issued in this passage – are you heeding this warning? Think of those you know who may have drifted away, or are in the process of doing that. How can you warn them? (Pray for these people).

Further personal reflection, but also a chance to consider those who may have fallen, or be in the process of falling away from the group.