



Hebrews 5-6

This is a really tough passage
I disagree with McArthur's interpretation
There are a few different interpretations

*It is important that you study and think through things on your own with the help of the Holy Spirit

Things that are clear:

- 1) We can't lose our salvation
- 2) If we are not committed to faithfully following Jesus and growing in our relationship with him, we are not pleasing God and producing fruit beneficial to others or to our self

What I think is going on in this passage:

5:11-14

- The author wants to talk about Melchizedek but it's a complicated thing
- They still haven't really understood the basics of being a Christian
- They should be teachers but they are still babies
- They are still struggling with people leading them back into empty Jewish religious tradition rather than pursuing Jesus

*God wants us to know him deeply. We can't just stay at a baby level. There is always more of God for us to know and apply to life

6:1-3

- We need to move on. I'm not going over the basics again.
- You've heard enough that you either get it or don't at this point and we need to learn deeper things

*Sometimes it's good for us to be reminded of the same truths. However, there is a point where we just need to commit and follow the truths.

6:4-6

- After all they have been taught and all they experienced as Christians, if they falls to the lies that they need to keep doing empty ritual,
- 1) I'm not going to convince you to follow the right path
- 2) you are making Jesus look shameful because you are saying he's not worthy of your full commitment

*if we are Christians but not seeking to pursue Jesus above all, we are putting Jesus to shame. We are saying that something else is more valuable to us than Jesus

6:9-12

- He gave a firm warned but then ended with encouragement
- He was sure his readers could avoid this trap and grow
- He had already seen growth in them
- They simply needed to not be lazy, seek Jesus, and trust that God is faithful to help them grow

*I challenge you because I know you can great

*We push to be better because we know we can and we know God will do great things

Small Group

- 1) What are some of the basic truths we need to understand and apply as Christians?
- 2) Are there empty things you are tempted to go back to for fulfillment?
- 3) How have you seen God be faithful in helping you grow and make an impact?