

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

- Hebrews is primarily a letter of _____.
exhortation 13:22
- This letter was written to urge Hebrew brethren in Christ to persevere *in* _____ and to not fall back into _____
 - This letter was written to urge Hebrew brethren in Christ to persevere *in Christ* and to not fall back into Judaism
- In order to do that, warnings and encouragement are given interspersed with argumentation to show why – to demonstrate the superiority of Christ

HEBREWS: “BETTER”

1. The Better Messenger: The Son
2. The Better Apostle
3. The Better High Priest
4. The Better Covenant
5. The Better Sacrifice in the Better Tabernacle
6. The Better Way: Faith

1. Every high priest is taken from among _____ and is appointed for

_____.

men, men

2. The high priest offers what?

both gifts and sacrifices for sins

3. Why can the high priest have compassion on men?

because he himself is subject to weakness

4. Jesus as our High Priest

a) was appointed by God

b) can sympathize with the weaknesses of men because he became a man

c) offered sacrifice for our sins

d) has entered God's presence behind the veil – into heaven

e) all of the above

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5. Why can Jesus have compassion on us?

because he suffered, being tempted (2:18)

because he was in all points tempted as are we (4:15)

6. What event(s) in chapter 5 demonstrate Jesus' humanity?

“who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.both gifts and sacrifices for sins”

7. Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to whom?

all who obey Him

5:11-14 THE PROBLEM OF BEING UNTAUGHT

“of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

{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.”

6:1-3 THE NEED TO GROW TO MATURITY IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

“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.”

6:4-8 THE PERIL OF NOT PROGRESSING

“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.”

6:9-12 A COMMENDATION & AN EXHORTATION

“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.”

6:13-20 AS FOR GOD'S PART IN OUR INHERITING THE PROMISES...

“For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

{14} saying, ‘Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.’

{15} And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

{16} For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

{17} Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

{18} that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.”

6:13-20 AS FOR GOD'S PART IN OUR INHERITING THE PROMISES...

“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

{20} where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Some Take-Aways

- What is not difficult to understand can become difficult to understand when we are dull of hearing
- It is needful that we progress to where we can teach and explain to others what we know
- Spiritual immaturity makes it difficult for Christians to properly discern good and evil

Some Take-Aways

- Every Christian is to be growing to become skilled in the word of righteousness
- Failure to progress brings danger of apostasy
- It can become impossible for a Christian to be renewed to repentance
- Only way to inherit heaven is through diligence, faith and patience
- Hope is an anchor for our soul