

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. Why were some things about Christ's priesthood hard to explain?

Because the Christians had become dull of hearing

2. True/False: The writer expected them to be teachers by now.

True

3. True/False: We need to become skilled in the word of righteousness in order to discern both good and evil.

True

4. Which of the following are elementary principles of Christ?

- a) Repentance from dead works
- b) Faith toward God
- c) Doctrine of baptisms
- d) Laying on of hands
- e) Resurrection from the dead
- f) Eternal judgment
- g) All of the above

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5. Can it become impossible to renew to repentance one who has fallen away?

Yes

6. True/False: The readers are commended for ministering to the saints.

True

7. We must show d _____ and not become s _____.

We must show diligence and not become sluggish.

8. We need to imitate those who through _____ and _____ inherit the promises.

We need to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- 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
- 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

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.”

7:1-3 WHO IS MELCHIZEDEK?

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, {2} to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’ {3} without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”