

THE
SUPREMACY OF
CHRIST

Hebrews 6

TIME OUT! GROW UP!

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Chapter 1

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When you are a kid, what is the one thing you really want when you boil it all down? You want to be grown up, or at least a stage or two ahead of where you are at currently. Why? So you can experience the things that come with that level of maturity.

Sports, make-up/clothing, driving, a job.

As you grow up you find that there are more responsibilities, more trials, more discipline needed to experience the things that come with maturity. This is why some people either stop maturing, or revert to a child-like state. [SNL clip.]

This also happens in believers. Why? A lack of spiritual solid food resulting in a lack of solid faith.

Section 1

You Ought to be Teachers

REVIEW

- **The Supremacy of Christ. Or, Jesus is greater than.**
- **Warnings. Drifting, disbelief, dullness.**
 - Greater than the angels.
 - Greater than Moses.
 - Greater than the Sabbath.
 - Greater than the High Priest. Hit “pause” to address the dullness warning.
- **The supremacy of Christ is experienced in our lives by growing beyond the basics, and growing into fruitful, faithful, followers of Jesus.**

Running start from last time. Dullness, haven't been paying attention.

5:12

- **ought** - you owe it, you have it and should give it
- **teachers** - term applied to Jesus, correlates to word for disciple or student.
- **need** - contrasted to **ought**.
- **again** - key word in getting the point of this passage.
- **come to need** (of having) **milk** - implies continued possession. Constantly with a bottle stuck in your mouth.
- Enough time has passed in your own walk with Jesus that you owe it to others to be discipling them, and instead you need to be disciplined. You are in a state of continually needing milk like a baby, instead of sold food like an adult.

5:13

- **partakes** - shares in, a group dynamic
- **unskilled** - unacquainted with, inexperienced therefore unskilled. David in Saul's armor.

- word (message) of **righteousness** - conformity to the claims of higher authority, the opposite of lawlessness or doing your own thing. In the case God, the result being having a right-standing before Him.
- **babe** - literally, “without speech” like a baby.
- People who just share in milk with others who share in milk have no experience with the message of a right standing with God, and are therefore inexperienced and unskilled in sharing it with others, just like a baby with no language.

5:14

- **of full age** - mature, that which has reached what it was trying to reach.
- **use** - practice, exercise, habit
- **senses** - sensory organs, spiritual spidey senses.
- **exercised** - literally, like athletes in a gym.
- **discern** - able to judge between
- How can you tell is someone is mature and eats solid food? It's apparent that they have habitually used their spiritual senses to tell the difference between good and evil, which baby's can't do. (One application is church discipline, [3:12-13](#).)

How do we go about growing up and becoming what it is Jesus intends for us to be?

6:1-3

- **leaving** - leaving behind, letting go of, moving on from.
- **let us go on** - in contrast to leaving, let's carry these things with us.
- **again** - linking word
- If our goal is maturity, we need to leave some things behind us, to move beyond them because they are milk, and start to exercise ourselves by carrying on forward the thing that strengthen us to perfection.
- Riff on list.
- The **this** is the leaving in v. 1.

6:4-6

- Section with at least 16 interpretations. Don't interpret the verse through your theological construct. Interpret it in it's immediate context, the chapter, the book, the testament, the Bible.
- 6:6 **renew them again** - renew means to restore to that same qualitative state.

*Is this saying you can lose your salvation? No!
Not our, His. Not what we do, what He has done!*

*Is this saying you only get one chance at being a
disciple of Jesus? No!*

The point - you can't be born again, again.

Context of High Priest and repeated sacrifices. Jesus sacrificed once and for all. If once wasn't enough, then He isn't the Son of God.

Already been exhorted in 3:13 to come along side those who are drifting and doubting. God wants people to be in relationship with Him, and he wants and uses us to keep each other on the right track.

[slide] 1 Corinthians 5:5-6, Galatians 6:1, 2 Timothy 2:24-26, 2 Peter 3:9, the ministry of Jesus.

In case we get confused, the author uses an illustration.

6:7-8

- [slide] Parable of the sower, Matthew 13:3. Jesus the vine, John 15. The point is fruitfulness. When is it too late to bear fruit? Death.

Section 2

You Can Trust God Completely, So Go For It!

[6:9-12](#) It's as though the author realized he might be getting too harsh and pulls it back to encouragement.

Three instruction;

- Show the same diligence
- Do not become sluggish
- Imitate others.

In other words, who do you want to be like? Do that!

[6:13-20](#)

[6:13-18](#) An example in Abraham.

[6:19-20](#) God's faithfulness in action. How about ours?

Wrap up

The supremacy of Christ is experienced in our lives by growing beyond the basics, and growing into fruitful, faithful, followers of Jesus.

Are you hooked on milk? Do you surround yourself with people who are hooked on milk?

Are you afraid growing up? Don't want the responsibility? The things we read about in scripture are done by those who have grown up in the Lord, how are on a solid-food diet.

Get a spiritual life. Move out of your parent's basement. The Lord will be faithful to build you up into a fully committed follower.