

## Pressing on to Spiritual Maturity March 8, 2026

### 12 key passages in Hebrews chapters 1-5:

1. God has spoken to us in these last days, through His Son Jesus Christ 1:2
2. Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature 1:3
3. Jesus is better than the angels 1:4
4. Jesus inherited a more excellent name than angels (Son) 1:4
5. Do not drift away from what you've heard and do not neglect salvation 2:1-3
6. Jesus is our faithful and merciful high priest 2:17
7. Do not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin 3:12-13
8. God's Sabbath rest remains for believers today 4:9
9. The word of God is living and active 4:12
10. We can draw near to God's throne of grace with confident prayer 4:16
11. Jesus learned obedience from suffering 5:8
12. We are to mature by the practicing of having our senses trained to discern good and evil 5:14

**Hebrews 6:1-3**, *"Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do, if God permits."*

### 1. Repentance and Faith

**Mark 1:15**, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe (develop faith) in the gospel."*

**Romans 6:23**, *"The wages of sin is death."*

### 2. Baptisms and Laying on of Hands

**Colossians 2:12**, *"Having been buried with Christ in baptism in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Jesus from the dead."*

**Acts 6:4-6**, *"We apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word." <sup>5</sup> Everyone liked this idea, and they chose (seven men). <sup>6</sup> These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them."*

### **3. Resurrection and Eternal Judgment**

**Acts 13:32-33**, *“We preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,<sup>33</sup> that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus (from death).”*

**John 5:27-29**, *“God gave His Son authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.<sup>28</sup> An hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs (the grave) will hear His voice,<sup>29</sup> and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”*

**Hebrews 6:4-6**, *“For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,<sup>5</sup> and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,<sup>6</sup> and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.”*

**The warning is written to:**

#### **1. Those Who Have Once Been Enlightened**

**Ephesians 5:14**, *“Awake, sleeper; and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

#### **2. Those Who Have Tasted the Heavenly Gift**

#### **3. Those Who Have Been Made Partakers of the Holy Spirit**

**Acts 5:32**, *“We are witnesses and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”*

#### **4. Those Who Have Tasted the Good Word of God**

**Fallen Away:** to turn aside, to deviate from the right path, to apostatize

**Hebrews 3:12**, *“Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.”*

**Hebrews 10:26**, *“If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.”*

**Hebrews 6:7-8**, *“For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;<sup>8</sup> but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.”*