

**Completion Comes Through Christ**  
**Hebrews 5:11-6:9, 19-20**  
**October 28, 2018**

**1. The First things of the Faith**

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. **Hebrews 6:1-2**

For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, **Hebrews 6:4**

**2. The Path to the Finish Line**

For everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. **Hebrews 5:13-14**

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**3. The Finished Christian**

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. **Hebrews 5:12-13**

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. **Hebrews 6:19-20**

**Next Steps**

Memorize Hebrews 6:19-20

Review your training. How are you regularly learning about Christ?

Take an inventory of who your teachers are and who you are teaching. List people who you could potentially become a teacher/mentor to and pray for an opportunity.

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**Read Hebrews 5:11-6:10**

What does the writer want to say to his audience? Why can't he?

Where does he think his listeners should be? Discuss what characterizes a mature Christian.

What's on the list of elementary teaching of the faith?  
What do you think the author meant by "dead works?"  
What does the washings and laying on of hands refer to?  
Discuss any of the other elementary teachings of the faith as you have time.

Why can't someone fall away who has "once been enlightened?" Take no more than ten minutes to discuss questions you have about this passage.

Why is the author of Hebrews convinced of better things regarding his audience?

**Read Hebrews 6:10- 20**

Why did God "swear by himself"? What promise did God make to Abraham?

How did God guarantee His promise to Abraham?

What do we learn from this passage about God?

How did Abraham respond to God's promise, and what was the result?

Why did God confirm His promise with an oath? How do we know God won't retract His promise?

What happens to those who find the hope that Christ offers?

How is the hope that Christ gives described in this passage? Where is the believer's hope anchored? How was Christ able to "enter the inner sanctuary behind the curtain"? What did Christ do on our behalf?

Why do Christians need to develop and to become mature in their relationship with God?

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