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Hebrews 6

A Call to Maturity

1Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

God through the Author is encouraging these Hebrews to having concrete understanding of the basic principles of Salvation through the blood of Christ. Once the foundation is understood they can then move on to the next step in growing in Christ in Truth toward a more Holy walk in the Lord. Being better tomorrow than they were today as God counts better.

He cautions them against “not laying again the foundation or repentance from dead works....” The foundation is Jesus and Him alone. All the Old Testament in one way or another pointed to Jesus the Messiah that would come and Save the World. It would only be through Faith in Him that Salvation would be accomplished. The Law could not do it, so it was challenging for the Jews to deal with that. They had been raised on the Law for

approximately 1500 years from the time Moses received the Law until Jesus was Born.

The Author was concerned that these Hebrews may try to reinvent Salvation to fit into their upbringing of the Law. That there would be some way that they could lay a new foundation based on the Law to reach Salvation. But, Salvation, through the Grace and Mercy of God is The Gift from God, set in stone, an immovable stone, the very cornerstone of Salvation.

Ephesians 2: 8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is **the gift** of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Emphasis mine)

The foundation that Jesus laid was Sure and True not because we say so but because God says so.

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore **thus saith the Lord GOD**, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. (emphasis mine)

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

There have been people, mature Christians that somehow take this verse as leaving the early things in their Christian lives and moving on to what they perceive as more mature things. I heard one brother say “we need to leave the foot of the cross and go on” or something to that extent. I don’t think that is what is being said. The cross, the Doctrine of Christ are the starting point for growth, but also the corner stone to our Faith.

When building our walk in Christ we don’t leave the corner stone that was lain and is Christ Jesus, we build on it in TRUTH. IT is always there as the anchor on which our Christian life is built.

I believe what the author is challenging Believers to do is to begin the walk of “sanctification”. We are justified by Christ and in God’s eyes the minute we are Save. In God’s eyes we are sanctified, set aside as Holy. The flesh however needs to be trained in the ways of God because the flesh in the physical dimension (the world), we live in and is constantly at war with the Spirit in us.

Even though God sees us as fully Sanctified by the Blood of the Lamb we must grow while on earth to becoming more and more Holy with each day, that is called obedience. Sanctification is the product of becoming Holy and requires a lifetime of obedience. It is not Salvation; it is our hearts desire to be more Christ like every day. I chose to never leave the Cross; it is my anchor, my corner

stone but I am told by God to grow in the Spirit of God by walking in obedience; to study and show myself approved.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

One important way to grow in Grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is to walk in obedience as He did. It is this obedient walk that requires us to rebuke the flesh, and seek Holiness, a sanctified walk.

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

A second option exists in what the author may have alluded to. That is to lay a new foundation for belief, a foundation that is not Christ, nor was laid by Christ. It is a fruitless effort, but many legalists have done this very thing. There are many churches today doing this, separating themselves from the doctrine of Christ laying a new useless foundation in “affirmation and openness” denying the Truth and Faith in Christ and putting their faith and hope in man-made doctrines, a more open and inclusive humanity that does not declare right from wrong, good from evil but accepts everyone as they are. No need or desire to change into what the Living God wants us to be. Not seeking Salvation

but mere acceptance of evil in their lives without judging according to God's Word.

Matthew 15: [8](#)This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.[9](#)But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Churches today advocating for homosexuality not only within the church; small (c) church but also within the ministry of these churches. Advocating for division rather than united Spirit of God. God's response to their rejection of the Law and Truth?

Romans 1: [26](#)For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: [27](#)And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

[28](#)And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; [29](#)Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, [30](#)Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, [31](#)Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: [32](#)Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

The Law is the rule book on what God says what sin is and what is not sin. He gets to determine that, we do not. We cannot alter His determination of sin, nor can we alter the outcome of sin. All sin leads to death. We are sinners as Believers, but we walk in obedience we confess our sins and turn from them. If we refuse to confess and turn from our sin, we have a problem. The Bible tells us that He is faithful to forgive us of our confessed sin.

1 Timothy 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; 11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

2 Timothy 3: 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Religions trying to lay a new foundation by the doctrines of men, other than Christ the Messiah. They come in all forms from mainline denominations to cults, to new age, environmentalists, one worlders, worshiping artificial intelligence, seeking eternity in all the wrong places. Denying the Lordship of God, denying the Law that God has created to point to the Messiah, instead giving excuse for abhorrent behavior, denying the TRUTH, changing it for a lie.

***Romans 1:24* Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.**

Just to recap vs 1 for context as we move onto vs 2:

***Hebrews 6:1* Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,**

**2Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
3And this will we do, if God permit.**

Even though presented as two verses, verse 1 and 2 are in the same sentence, so it includes all these specific doctrines. The author by including these doctrines demonstrating the foundation of all Believers lives. The notion that some may get is to leave

these behind, but the truth in these form the foundation of our beliefs and should be held close as you learn more about our Savior and Creation itself. Again, the Author has seen something that is of a grave concern to God and to the Author. Is it possible for someone to walk in the shadow of God's presence, seeing the joy of Grace and Mercy as opposed to the Law, and yet turn back to the Law? Apparently, that was a concern.

4For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

This term "impossible" in Greek from Strong's Concordance:

Transliteration: adunatos

Phonetic Spelling: (ad-oo'-nat-os)

Definition: unable, powerless

Usage: of persons: incapable; of things: impossible; either the inability, or that which is impossible.

The Believer who has truly asked Christ into their heart is powerless, unable to turn away from the knowledge and blessings of Grace and Mercy that brings the Gift of Salvation. Cannot be done.

The act of Salvation from a Believers viewpoint:

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Acts 26:18 is a declaration by God that is firm in its authority and promise. It is an unbreakable promise by God. The Promise is unbreakable, the rejecting it is not, but the condition for such a person to do this would most likely be that they had mentally assented only, not a heart conversion. However, if it were possible, *which I do not believe it is*, to have a heart conversion to Christ and then reject that conversion, then returning is impossible.

6If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

According to many commentators the word “if” does not appear in the Greek. There is additional concern that the translation in this rare occasion may take liberty with the idea that a Believer who has God given Faith would ever turn their back on Christ, and search for a new way to salvation aside from Christ Jesus. The notion is absurd to Believers due to the simple fact of FAITH. FAITH is where we become BELIVERS according to Strong’s Concordance;

"1. The root of 4102/pistis ("faith") is 3982/peithô ("to persuade, be persuaded") which supplies the core-meaning of faith ("divine persuasion"). It is God's warranty that guarantees the fulfillment of the revelation He births within the receptive believer (cf. 1 Jn 5:4 with Heb 11:1).

Faith (4102/pistis) is always received from God, and never generated by us.

Ro 12:3: "For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith (4102/pistis)" (NASU).

Eph 2:8,9: " For by grace you have been saved through faith (4102/pistis); and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast" (NASU).

Gal 5:22,23: "²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith (4102/pistis), ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

2 Thes 1:11: "To this end (glorification) – indeed each time we pray about (peri) you for the purpose (hin) of our God counting you worthy of the call – even that He may fulfill (His) every good-pleasure that comes from (His) goodness and work of faith, in (His) ability."

Reflection: Faith is only (exclusively) given to the redeemed. It is not a virtue that can be worked up by human effort.

2. Faith (4102/pistis) enables the believer to know God's preferred-will (cf. J. Calvin; see 2307/thelçma). Accordingly, faith (4102/pistis) and "God's preferred-will (2307/thelçma)" are directly connected in Scripture.

2 Ro 12:2,3: " And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will (2307/thelçma) of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith (4102/pistis)" (NASU).

5 2 Cor 8:5,7: " And this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will (2307/thelçma) of God" (NASU). 7" But just as you abound in everything, in faith (4102/pistis) and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also"

(NASU).

Heb 10:36,38: "³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will (2307/thelçma) of God, you may receive what was promised" (NASU)."

As I study all of this, the impossible thing is not the falling away, but the coming back again that is impossible. It is such a hard concept to believe that anyone who truly gave their life to Christ could ever recant that action. The question always comes up at that notion, did the person who turned away from Christ really know Him to begin with or was it simply "mental assent" or was he or she just a hypocrite?

Faith is a gift of God, just like Salvation and Mercy are gifts from God to those who would Believe through Faith.

7For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

Believers are refreshed by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit just as the earth is refreshed by the rains. As the Believer is refreshed by showering of blessing through the Word of God new life springs forth in themselves and those around them. The Believer is blessed as are those around them as they grow not only in Love but in Faith.

God tells us that no one ever came to Him by an act of their own will. It begins by a conviction of our sin by the Holy Spirit and progresses as we admit we are a sinner. That for the most part happens in the mind. Then through that urging of the Holy Spirit we come to the mental conclusion that we need to be saved or we will die and go to hell, is when our heart steps in and says yes to the Free Gift of Salvation bought by such a heavy cost by Christ on the Cross. We are then ready for God to plant a small seed of FAITH in our hearts that will blossom into Salvation for eternity. All done by God, the only thing we do is say YES!

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving devotion.

John 6:39 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day.

John 6:40 For it is My Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

8But that which beareth thorns and briars *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

The non-believer is cursed and is a curse to those around them. They will drag down all those whom they touch and in the end be burned with the Fire of **God**.

9But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

Salvation the corner stone of wonderful things to come from the Believer. The Holy Spirit invests gifts in each Believer, and it is our obligation to learn as much as we can about the gifts we are given and ensure they are watered for growth by the Word of God. To aid our walk in Sanctification and growth.

Romans 12: For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Faith is a gift from God, we can't manufacture that within ourselves. However, the growth of Faith in us is dependent upon our desire and effort to learn more about God, His promises and Will in our lives. As we learn more about God our Faith Grows by learning that He is a covenant keeping God.

10For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

This inheritance is based on the doctrines that we first learned when we mentally assented and then allowed that understanding to move into our hearts. At that moment we realized we were sinners and repented of our sins and asked Christ into our hearts. Salvation became ours, not by any works, but by Faith and Belief in Christ our Lord.

We moved upward from there to an understanding of obedience to God's Word. To an understanding of the need to search out the Scriptures daily, to invest our new understanding in our lives and grow in Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit by the Word of God.

God's Promise is Certain

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13For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, 14Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Abraham was counted as worthy by his obedience and Faith in God. When Abraham died, he went to a place God created for those that would follow in death prior to the Promise coming to earth. It was called Abraham's bosom or "Paradise" and it was a safe harbor of rest for all who Believed in God had FAITH in HIM.

Jesus related this account of death at the time during His Life.

Luke 16: 22And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Those in Paradise, they with Abraham waited patiently for the Promise to come, the Messiah, the Savior of the whole world. The fulfilment of the Promise came on the day of the Crucifixion, Passover. At the death of Christ, He descended into Paradise to bring the Good News and lead the captives of the Law to Heaven. At the end of the third day Christ arose from the dead defeating

death. Leading captivity free, those who patiently waited for the Good News. He also freed us who were held captive by our own sins, a hope of eternal life with Christ.

Psalms 68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Ephesians 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

16For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.

God is laying out the process men operate under when they are faced with a conflict. They seek a higher authority to settle the dispute, and both abide by this higher authority's decision.

17Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

Based on the previous verse, God asserts that men seek a higher authority, but God is unable to do so as He is the highest authority in all of creation as He is the CREATOR. So, God swears by Himself to keep His WORD. God's authority is "immutable" IE: indisputable, undeniable.

18That by two immutable things, in which *it* was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong

consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

There is nothing firmer than God's Word. God cannot lie and that is indisputable. Where would you take your challenge to that TRUTH, there is no higher authority than God.

Learning and understanding that simple TRUTH we fled from sin to our "refuge" Christ the Messiah, "to lay hold upon the hope set before us". Jesus is our only Hope, our only Salvation. Without Him we have no hope.

19Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

The Veil in the Temple separated God from man. When Christ paid the ultimate price for mankind, the veil was torn from top to bottom in the Temple.

Matthew 27: 50Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Signifying that God made the determination that separation from Him was over. It began in the Garden; Spiritual death with Adam and Eve: Separation from God. Now on this day of Crucifixion the separation from God ended. Man, now had access to God, not complete access as in the garden which was face to face but the

first step in full access through our mediator Jesus the Messiah. Reunion with God face to face would come in one of two ways, death of the body of the Believer or Rapture.

20Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Jesus in the likeness of man risen from death now entered the Holy of Holy on a perpetual basis, without restriction to the Father God. Jesus is our advocate, our mediator with an all-powerful God. Able to plead our case before the High Court of God. The Payer of the Price is the Pleader of our Case. As the God/Priest/King in the likeness of a man now stands before God the Father.

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (emphasis mine)

Jesus's death was not ordinary human death, the Law that God had given centuries before His Son's human life would end on a cross declared that death in that manner was "accursed of God".

Deuteronomy 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

To suffer and die in that manner was the worst man had to offer and it was directed at our God and Savior. Likewise, the death of our Lord was followed by the Resurrection of our Savior.

Mark 16: [4](#)And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. [5](#)And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. [6](#)And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

The resurrection of Jesus can never be told to many times. It is the moment in history that from the time of Adam's sin, changed everything.

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