

Hebrews 6

Perfection through maturity in Christ

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to **perfection**

Maturity in Jesus leads to perfection. Although none of us can be perfect as Jesus is, it should be our desire and strife to become like Him, without spot or blemish.

Not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

These are the basic things that a new Christian should know, and be taught in the beginning of his/her spiritual journey in Christ. This is where many churches fail, for not following up and disciplining new Christians. It is very important for a solid foundation to be laid, so they can build on the rock, which is Jesus, through the learning of scripture.

For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to **renew them again to repentance**, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

This is a very controversial passage in the Bible that Satan loves to use in order to discourage many people who has backslidden, not to return to Christ. Satan is a liar and the father thereof.

Here Paul is saying that it is much harder (nearly Impossible) for those who backslide, to return to Christ - **(to renew them again to repentance)**.

We serve a **merciful and forgiving God** who desires for none to perish or fall short of the glory of God.

"I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them." – **(Hosea 14:4)**

"Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord. And He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon" – **(Isaiah 55:7)**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" - **(1 John 1:9)**.

Repentance itself is a work of God **(Romans 2:4)**, the desire to repent is evidence that he or she has not truly fallen away. The idea is not that "if you fall away, you can't ever come back to Jesus." Instead, the idea is "if you turn your back on Jesus, don't expect to find salvation anywhere else, especially in the practice of religion apart from the fullness of Jesus."

For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and **bears herbs** useful for those by whom it is cultivated, **receives blessing from God**; but if it bears thorns and briars, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

We as Christians are **blessed by God**, but what **fruit are you bearing** and what are you doing with it?

A mature fruit tree bears fruit, so should we as we come to spiritual maturity. When we bear fruit, we abide in Jesus **(John 15:5)** and are in no danger of falling away. – **Read John 15 (The true Vine)**

For God *is* not unjust to **forget** your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And **we desire that each one of you show the same diligence** to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who **through faith and patience** inherit the promises.

God sees and remembers what we do as Christians, especially to others, for what we do to others, we do unto Him. It's God's desire that we press in and continue doing good, **showing the same diligence** in our Christian journey in **faith**.

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had **patiently endured**, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, 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*.

As Abraham patiently waited on God's promises to him, so should we wait in patience for God's promises to us, to be fulfilled. He promised to never leave us or forsake as we grow in our spiritual journey. We have a far better covenant through Jesus, who redeemed us.

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence ***behind the veil***, where the **forerunner** has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become **High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek**.

We have Jesus, the Son of God seated at the right hand of God, as a steadfast **anchor**, immovable through any storm that we might face. He who calms the storms with a word from His mouth. He who represents us behind **the veil** in the Kingdom of God. The Highest authority of all, a High Priest appointed by God in **the order of Melchizedek**.

Jesus our **forerunner** who went ahead to prepare the way for us, encourages us to boldly run to Him. We need to boldly enter the throne room of heaven through faith in Christ Jesus. We thank You Jesus, for You are all we need.