

The Book of Hebrews Chapter 6

We will cover some important truths here in Chapter 6...

Hebrews 6:1-2 (ESV)

Therefore let us leave the **elementary doctrine of Christ** and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of **faith toward God**, and of instruction about **washings**, the **laying on of hands**, the **resurrection of the dead**, and **eternal judgment**.

Here are some Scriptures that reflect verses 1 & 2

Hebrews 5:12 (KJV)

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the **first principles** of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Revelation 3:1 (ESV)

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: “The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your **works**. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are **dead**.”

Acts 20:21 (ISV)

I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and **faith toward our Lord Jesus**.

John 3:25 (NIV2011)

An argument developed between some of John’s disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of **ceremonial washing**.

Acts 6:6 (NASB)

And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, **they laid their hands on them**.

Acts 17:16-34 (NLT2)

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. ¹⁷ He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there. ¹⁸ He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about **Jesus and his resurrection**, they said, “What’s this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he’s picked up?” Others said, “He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods.” ¹⁹ Then they took him to the high council of the city. “Come and tell us about this new teaching,” they said. ²⁰ “You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it’s all about.” ²¹ (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.) ²² So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, ²³ for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about. ²⁴ “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, ²⁵ and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. ²⁶ From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. ²⁷ “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ ²⁹ And since this is true, we shouldn’t think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone. ³⁰ “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. ³¹ For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.” ³² **When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead**, some laughed in contempt, but others said, “We want to hear more about this later.” ³³ That ended Paul’s discussion with them, ³⁴ but some joined him and became believers. Among

them were Dionysius, a member of the council, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Hebrews 6:3 (ESV)

And this we will do **if God permits**.

Let's see how this can take shape...

Acts 16:6-10 (ESV)

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them**. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, **concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them**.

Hebrews 6:4-8 (ESV)

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have **fallen away (*Gr: parapipto = fall over a precipice*)**, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. ⁷ For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. ⁸ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and **near to being cursed**, and its end is to be burned.

Very deep topic here... Eternal Security...

The writer is not talking about what we would normally call "falling" or "backsliding" ... The Lord shows us how much He loves those who fall and backslid due to the pressures of temptation...

Hosea 14:1-4 (NKJV)

O Israel, return to the LORD your God, For you have **stumbled** because of your iniquity;
² Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity;
Receive *us* graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. ³ Assyria shall not save us,
We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, '*You are our*
gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy." ⁴ **"I will heal their backsliding,** I will love
them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

Hebrews 6:9

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—
things that belong to salvation.

Here is our Hope...

Psalm 37:23-24 (NKJV)

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. ²⁴ **Though**
he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

Hebrews 6:10-19

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his
name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the
same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be
sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. ¹³ For
when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he
swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus
Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something
greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So
when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable
character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable
things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have
strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and
steadfast **anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the**

curtain,²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Anchor!

1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV)

And now abideth faith, **hope**, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

Colossians 1:5 (NLT2)

which come from your confident **hope** of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

Colossians 1:23-29 (ISV)

However, ***you must remain firmly established and steadfast in the faith, without being moved*** from the **hope** of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.²⁴ Now I am rejoicing in my sufferings for you and completing in my flesh whatever remains of Christ's sufferings on behalf of his body, which is the church.²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, so that I might fulfill the ministry of the word of God.²⁶ This secret was hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.²⁷ God wanted to make known to them the glorious riches of this secret among the Gentiles—**which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim as we admonish everyone and teach everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.²⁹ I work hard and struggle to do this according to his energy that powerfully works in me.