

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 6:1-8

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ DAY 1

Read Hebrews 6:1-8

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 1 Therefore [...] let us press on to maturity,
[leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ,]
not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works
and of faith toward God,
2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands,
and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
- 3 And this we will do, if God permits.
- 4 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,
5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to
come,
6 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.
- 7 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;
8 but if it yields thorns and thistles,
it is worthless
and close to being cursed,
and it ends up being burned.

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1. How does this week's passage connect to the argument of the last section of chapter 5? How does it fit into the argument of the entire book of Hebrews?
2. What is the overall tone and theme of this passage?
3. What are the Hebrews to leave, according to verse 1? What are they to press onto instead?
4. Where have we heard the word "elementary" already in Hebrews? How was the word used in that context?

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5. Why would the author exhort them to “leave” the teaching of Christ in this way?
6. What three things are we to move on from, according to verses 1b-2?
7. How is the list of v. 1b-2 connected to the first half of verse 1? What is its function in the argument here?
8. Why would these teachings be considered “elementary?”

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9. In verse 3, How is trust in God's sovereignty shown in the author's exhortation towards maturity?
10. How can you tell whether you are pressing on towards maturity or not? What are the diagnostic criteria?
11. What steps do you take to ensure that you are pressing on towards maturity in your walk with God?

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❖ DAY 2

Read Hebrews 6:1-8 again.

12. What is the connection between verse 4 and the preceding 3 verses?
13. For whom does the author say is renewal “again to repentance” impossible?
14. What is the “heavenly gift” of verse 4?

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15. What does it mean that these people “have been made partakers” of the Holy Spirit?
16. What does it mean that they have “tasted the good word of God?”
17. What sorts of things are missing from the list? What is not mentioned?
18. How does this passage inform our understanding of what true salvation is and is not?

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19. Why is it “impossible” to renew that individual back to repentance, according to verse 6?

20. In what ways do their actions “crucify again to themselves the Son of God?” What does that mean?

21. What stands out to you from the verses we’ve read today? Why does it stand out in your mind?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Hebrews 6:1-8 again.

22. To what are people compared to in verses 7 and 8?

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23. What are the responses of the two types of ground that drink the rain that fall on it?

24. What kind of fruit does the first kind of land bear?

25. What feature of the first type of ground is a prerequisite for receiving God?

26. What happens to the ground that grows thorns and thistles?

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27. What kind of people are the first type of land? Who comprises the second type of land in this metaphor?
28. What is the author's point in using this illustration? What is the truth he is communicating?

This week, pray that God, by His Spirit, would help us press on towards maturity, progressing in the faith. Thank the Lord for his grace in extending to us the warning against apostasy in Hebrews 6 and the consequences of falling away. Pray that He might give us the love and boldness to give this warning to those who are drifting away from faith in Christ.