

Conclusion/Summary

“Be diligent so that what you hope for may be fully realized.” (6:11)

“May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Heb 13:21)

Take hold of that hope.

LIVE THE STORY

The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.

The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.

- The author says “I want to tell you more, but you have become ‘dull of hearing’ (5:11) ESV. He uses the same word translated “lazy” in 6:12. Why was it to their own peril living only on milk and remaining as infants? (5:13-14). Why should we be alarmed by this?
- “Impossible” v.4 is a strong word attached to a chilling warning in vs.4-6. Why is it impossible to be “brought back to repentance”
- The author was convinced of better things among the Hebrews. (v.9) One of these better things was love shown to His people. Recently have you discovered fresh ways, that either you or your community group was able to minister to those that are weak or those who had need? What did it cost you beyond finances, if finances were a component?
- Another better thing was showing diligence. What does diligence “to the very end” look like (v.11)? How do you not become lazy (v.12) but pursue diligence to inherit what was promised? What is required? How do you pursue diligence with one another?
- To make His promise clear, God swore by Himself. Why? What was He trying to make clear? (v.17)

Taking Hold of the Hope

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Text – Hebrews 5:11 – 6:20

Introduction

- A. A combination of both encouragements and warnings
- B. Warnings serve a good purpose

I. Who are these people that are falling away?

- A. Hebrews 6:4-6
 - i. Not the audience to whom the author is writing.
 - ii. The people described are to be a warning to the Hebrews
- B. Critical understanding - Come to share in Christ if we hold our original conviction firm to the end (Hebrews 3:14)-
- C. Heb 6:7-8 provide us with an illustration. Land that is blessed and land that is in danger of being cursed.

D. Some never bear fruit. This is a cause for genuine alarm

II. How do I NOT repeat what they did?

A. Pay the most careful attention (Hebrews 2:1)

B. They had become “dull of hearing”. Hebrews 5:11 – 14

i. “Not trying to understand” (v.11 NIV)

ii. Lazy/Sluggish in their ears (6:12); It was an acquired condition

iii. Numbed limbs of a sick lion

C. Be mature – go on, no longer infants

i. Still on milk – infants in matters of discernment and righteousness (v.13)

ii. Solid food. Constant use. Train themselves to discern good from evil (v.14)

III. What are the better things?

A. Costly Love Shown to Others (Hebrews 6:9-10)

B. Diligence

i. Not lazy

ii. Imitators

IV. In What do we Hope?

A. His promise (Hebrews 6:13-20)

B. God takes an oath

C. His purpose in the oath

D. An anchor for the soul