

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

SCRIPTURE - Hebrews 6:1–3 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.

INTRODUCTION: THE HEBREWS IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

A. JEWISH CHRISTIANS

B. THEY WERE GIVING UP CHRISTIANITY AND GOING BACK INTO JUDAISM

1. **GET RID OF SIN** Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,
2. **RUN THE RACE WITH ENDURANCE** and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
3. **LOOK UNTO JESUS** ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.
4. **ACCEPT GOD'S CHASTENING** ⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. ⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness, ¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
5. **BE STRONG AND CAREFUL** ¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed,
6. **PURSUE PEACE** ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people,
7. **PURSUE HOLINESS** and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;
 - A. **DONT BE LIKE ESAU** ¹⁶ lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright, ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears,
 - B. **REMEMBER MOUNT SINAI** ¹⁸ For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. ²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow. ²¹ And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling."

- C. YOU HAVE COME TO A GREATER MOUNTAIN** ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,
- D. YOU HAVE COME TO JESUS THE MESSIAH** ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.
- E. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH** ²⁵ see that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth: but also heaven," ²⁷ Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken. as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.
- 8. LOVE AS BROTHERS** Heb 13 Let brotherly love continue.
- A. LOVE STRANGERS** ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.
- B. LOVE THOSE IMPRISONED FOR FAITH** ³ Remember the prisoners as if chained with them; those who are mistreated; since you yourselves are in the body also.
- 9. HONOR MARRIAGE** ⁴ Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
- 10. BE CONTENT, DEPEND ON GOD** ⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we may boldly say: %The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"
- 11. REMEMBER YOUR LEADERS** ⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct,
- 12. KEEP PURE IN DOCTRINE** ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them, ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come,
- 13. OFFER SACRIFICE**
- A. OF PRAISE** ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name,
- B. OF GOOD WORKS** ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased,
- 14. OBEY YOUR SPIRITUAL RULERS** ¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you,

CONCLUSION ²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen,