

Back to Basics (II)

- Hb.5:11 jolts
- Ancient writers sometimes shift topic to rivet the audience's attention. Writer briefly leaves priesthood of Melchizedek to challenge dull listeners
- Dull of hearing: lazy, negligent
 - They were excited to learn gospel
 - After time, they lapsed
 - Ignorance and apathy take their toll

- Hb.5:12, *you ought* – a duty
- ‘Big boys don’t act that way’
- You have had enough time to be teachers; look at you!
- 1 Co.3:1-3, common problem
- Ep.4:14, the danger

- Hb.5:13, a grownup baby
- Child doesn't get his way...

- Hb.5:14, important matter:
 - **NOT** how long they have been Christians
 - **BUT** how serious they are in practice
- Solid food (12, 14): firm, steadfast in one's attitudes or beliefs (L-N)
- Full age: mature, full grown, adult. Ja.1:4

- Hb.6:1 –
 - ‘Leaving’ does not mean that we neglect first principles
 - The untaught must learn them; the taught must to be able to teach them
 - Language: first principles are ABC’s
 - Physics: elements of proof

‘The ABC’s of the Christian’s life are important, but they must be a launching pad, not a parking lot’

- Hb.6:1 –
 - ‘Let us go on to perfection’
 - Growth marks...

I. Repentance From Dead Works

1. Dead works

- Works of sin that bring death, 9:14
- Ro.6:23 . . .
- Death is separation
- Good works die because of neglect. Hb.6:4-6

“If we become spectators rather than participants, the wrong things go up and the wrong things come down. Body weight, blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol, triglycerides go up. Vital capacity, oxygen consumption, flexibility, stamina, and strength go down.”

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II. Faith Toward God

2. Faith – God

- Hb.11:1...6, verbs (action words)
- “Faith is the only thing you can do without doing anything” (? ? ?)
- Ac.9:6

True faith – Hebrews

- 4:2, hearing word. 1 Sm.3:10
- 6:12, faith / patience opposite of sluggish
- 10:22, full assurance of faith; baptism
- 11:4, way to worship
- 11:5-6, necessary for pleasing God

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III. Teaching of Baptisms

Doctrine of baptisms (instructions, Col.2:12)

- John, Mt.3:11
- Holy Spirit, Mt.3:11
- Fire, Mt.3:11
- Jesus, Mt.3:15-17
- Suffering, Mk.10:38
- Moses, 1 Co.10:2
- Jews, Hb.9:10 (Col.2:12)
- Great Commission, Mt.28:19 (Hb.10:22)

Some are dull of hearing

- Claim Holy Spirit baptism
- Deny baptism of fire
- Say we can't be dogmatic about the action of baptism
- Reject the purpose of baptism

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IV. Laying on of Hands

- Mt.19:13, parents brought children to Jesus for Him to lay on hands to bless children
- Mk.6:5, used in connection with some miracles of healing
- Ac.8:17, used by apostles to impart miraculous gifts
- Ac.28:8, heal sick

The age of miracles has ceased

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V. Resurrection of the Dead

- Hb.11:19, Abraham . . . (11:35)
- Strange that Christians in Corinth had begun to deny this basic doctrine, 1 Co.15:12
- Stranger: in spite of Paul's extensive teaching, some still deny it
 - Max King

They spiritualize promises of a literal, general resurrection of the body, saying resurrection is a figurative expression referring to the deliverance of the church from the destruction of Jeru., A.D. 70 – it resurrected the church from world of Judaism! Nothing more.

- Sadducees denied resurrection: Mt.22:23-33
- Irony: after A.D.70 the Sadducean sect declined; Pharisees controlled Judaism. The resurrection was fixed in broader Jewish thought. Mishna.

Sanhedrin 10:1, All Jewish people...have a share in the World-to-Come ... And these are the exceptions, the people who have no share in the World-to-Come... One who says: There is no resurrection of the dead derived from the Torah.

- **Jn.6:39**, This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day
- **40**, And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day
- **44**, No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day
- **54**, Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day

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VI. Eternal Judgment

- God has administered “temporal” judgments against people and nations
- Ezk.18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin
- This happened ... but eternal judgment is yet to come. Hb.10:27

- The Day of Judgment will be the 'last day'
- Jn.12:48, He who rejects me and does not receive my words has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day

- “The Bible is like an ocean: deep enough to drown an elephant, but shallow enough at the shore for a toddler to play.”
- Don't be a Judas