

“Let Us Go on to Perfection”

Heb. 6:1-3

Introduction:

- A. Digressive immaturity of the Hebrews.
 - 1. Had *become* dull of hearing (5:11)
 - 2. Had *come to need* milk. (5:12).
 - 3. Had had time to grow (5:12).
 - 4. Needed to “go on to perfection (maturity)” (Text).
- B. Great to become newborn “babes in Christ.”
 - 1. Must be born again — of water and spirit.
 - 2. Must not remain babes. (1 Cor. 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:2)
 - 3. Must grow until the end. (2 Cor. 4:16)
- C. Going on to perfection involves growing in at least the following areas:
 - 1. In knowledge.
 - 2. In faith.
 - 3. In ability.
 - 4. In holiness.

Discussion:

I. Knowledge.

- A. Grow in ... knowledge of our Lord. (2 Pet. 3:18)
 - 1. Causes us to grow in His grace (favor, pleasure) (cf. Luke 2:52; Col. 1:10).
 - 2. Protects against being falling and being misled. (v. 17).
- B. Growing requires wanting to learn and working at it (Acts 17:11).
- C. Growing involves tapping every avenue of learning.
 - 1. Public teaching (1 Cor. 14:31).
 - 2. Private study and meditation. (Psa. 1:2).
 - 3. Doing the word (John 8:31,32)

II. Faith.

- A. Our faith can be little or great. (Mt. 6:30; 8:10).
- B. Our faith can grow (2 Thess. 1:3).
- C. Our faith can be refined and perfected.
 - 1. By refining and perfecting knowledge.
 - 2. By experience of testing and doing (Jas. 1:2-4; 2:22).

III. Ability.

- A. Ability can be increased with time, experience and solid food.
- B. Ability to serve as teachers and other areas of service (Heb. 5:12).
- C. Ability to discern good and evil. (Heb. 5:14).
 - 1. Ability to apply general Bible principles of specific situations (cf. Lascivious, modest).
 - 2. Ability to identify “the like(s)” (cf. Gal. 5:21).
 - 3. Ability to separate truth from error.

IV. Holiness.

- A. Constantly “perfecting holiness” 2 Cor. 7:1.
 - 1. Keeping clean and separate from world (2 Cor. 6:14-16)
 - 2. Keeping under body, bringing it into subjection. (1 Cor. 9:27).
- B. “More like Jesus would I be...” and less like world.

Conclusion:

- A. We must grow stronger in these things or we will become weaker.
- B. We must become babes in Christ, but given time we must not remain so.

