

Old vs. New

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RECAP:	<p>Marc pointed out the key principle of Hebrews 6 last week when he said, that we are to grow in the salvation of Christ.</p> <p>— He told us how to do that last week, it is by building on a firm foundation.</p> <p>— — That foundation that we are to build on is repentance and faith.</p> <p>— — — Repentance is a change of heart and faith is trusting God, knowing who He is and making Him your foundation.</p> <p>— — — — When we build on the foundation of faith and repentance, this prepares us for the battle that will come.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>In our series in Hebrews 5:11-14 we looked at the immaturity of those being written to and how they had not grasped the elementary principles of God’s word.</p> <p>— The author tells us that they needed to be taught these elementary principles again.</p> <p>— — Well, the beginning of chapter 6 the author does not leave the un taught but tells them the elementary principles once again.</p> <p>— — — So, we looked at repentance and faith last week.</p> <p>— — — — This week we will look at a the cleansing process and what that looks like for us.</p> <p>— — — — — We will also look at how confession needs to to turn into commitment.</p>
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<p>Hebrews 6:1–3 (NASB95): 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,</p> <p>2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.</p> <p>3 And this we will do, if God permits.</p>	<p>Once again before we get anywhere in our sermon today it is important for us to note that moving on from the basic things does not mean we move on from Christ and the gospel.</p> <p>— Jesus and the gospel are involved in every phase of the Christian life and learning.</p> <p>— — We never out grow Jesus or the gospel; our need for the gospel and for Jesus is always going to be there no matter how spiritual mature we become.</p> <p>— — — Jesus is essential for every believer in Christ from the moment of conversion to all of eternity.</p> <p>— — — — He is why we should be looking forward to heaven and eternal paradise.</p> <p>— — — — — It is not to see what Heaven will look like, or see who is there, or anything but to be with God, Jesus Christ, savior, perfect sacrifice, Lion and Lamb.</p> <p>— — — — — — <u>READ: Titus 2:11–14 (NASB95): 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.</u></p> <p>— — — — — — <u>READ: Colossians 3:1–3 (NASB95):</u> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.</p> <p>— — — — — — <u>READ: Philippians 1:23–24 (NASB95):</u> 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.</p>

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	<p>The author moves on from the foundation pieces of repentance and faith to cleansing.</p> <p>— The first thing that we are going to look at is the washings.</p> <p>— — The first thing that stands out about this word is that it is plural.</p> <p>— — — Some would try to make the argument that it means baptism.</p> <p>— — — — The problem with this is it is a different word than baptism and there is one baptism not multiple baptism.</p> <p>— — — — — And baptism does not make us clean but is an outward display of what has happened on the inside.</p> <p>— — — — — — Baptism is a celebration by the person being baptized that God has sacrificed for them, of the person being baptized dying to themselves and raising new in Christ, and by the church celebrating what God has done in that person but also remembering their own baptism and celebrating what God has done in their life as well.</p>
	<p>Well, washings and laying on of hands were important pieces of Judaism.</p> <p>— The resurrection of the dead is also mentioned in the Old Testament several places.</p> <p>— — Resurrection and the eternal judgment are related to one another and eternal judgment is wrapped up in resurrection from the dead.</p> <p>— — — They wanted to live in both camps without having to give up anything.</p> <p>— — — — George Guthrie wrote this, “They may have been trying to survive with a minimal Christianity in order to avoid alienating their Jewish friends or relatives.”</p>

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	<p>Albert Mohler wrote, “In order to move on to maturity, these Jewish believers needed to leave behind their confidence in ritualistic practices.”</p> <p>— The ceremonial washing were ways of being cleansed for the Jew, but for Christians, Christ cleanses us, not some special way of washing.</p> <p>— — READ: 1 John 1:9 (NASB95): 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</p> <p>— — READ: Titus 3:5–7 (NASB95): 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.</p>
	<p>The laying on of hands in the Old Testament was done during blessings, animal sacrifice, when someone was being devoted to service, or in the death penalty cases.</p> <p>— But once again, God has blessed us with innumerable blessings:</p> <p>— — READ: Ephesians 1:3 (NASB95): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,</p> <p>— — Jesus is our once for all sacrifice:</p> <p>— — — — READ: Hebrews 10:10 (NASB95): 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.</p> <p>— — — — God calls us into service: READ: Mark 10:43–45 (NASB95): 43 “But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. 45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”</p>

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	<p>So as I mentioned the idea of resurrection for the death was known of in the Old Testament: <u>READ: Daniel 12:2 (NASB95): 2</u> “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.</p> <p>—We also see an eternal judgment in this passage as well.</p> <p>— —But Jesus tells us how we can be resurrected from the dead and enter into eternal paradise.</p> <p>— — —<u>READ: John 11:25–26 (NASB95): 25</u> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”</p> <p>— — —<u>READ: 2 Timothy 4:1–2 (NASB95): 1</u> I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.</p> <p>— — —<u>READ: 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB95): 10</u> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.</p>

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	<p>So what is God telling us through this passage? This is the practical application section. It is a bit longer than normal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— There are 2 things that we will look at this morning.— First, in verse 1 that we looked at last week, God is telling us not to continue to lay a foundation of repentance and faith over and over again but build on the foundation that has been built.— — Here in verse 2 we are told, to let go of our old ways.— — — So the first thing that God is showing us is that we have to move on from conversion to commitment.— — — — At conversion we begin to build a foundation and we have to make the decision to be different, to commit to Christ.— — — — — The problem is that so many people never make it past conversion to commitment.— — — — — These are those who continue to have to re-dedicate themselves, who ask Jesus into their hearts over and over again.— — — — — They build foundation after foundation but never move on to commitment.
	<p>Being stuck in this infancy state is what the author of Hebrews is writing about.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— There are those who cannot get past the conversion state into the commitment phase.— — <u>READ: James 4:8 (NASB95): 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.</u>— — <u>READ: Psalm 37:5 (NASB95): 5 Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.</u>

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	<p>We can not get stuck/stagnate in our spiritual growth.</p> <p>—READ: 2 Peter 3:17–18 (NASB95): 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.</p> <p>—READ: Colossians 2:6–7 (NASB95): 6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.</p> <p>—READ: Ephesians 4:14–15 (NASB95): 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,</p>

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	<p>Second thing that God is teaching us from this passage this morning is: we have to not live in 2 worlds. We need to let go of our old world and live in Christ's world.</p> <p>— READ: Ephesians 4:20–24 (NASB95): 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.</p> <p>— READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB95): 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.</p> <p>— — God wants us to change, He wants the heart changed and not finding a way to be our old self just in a different way.</p> <p>— — — He wants us to be new!!!</p>
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