



Jesus is Better

BETTER PURSUIT • HEBREWS 5:11-6:12 • 10/11/2020

MAIN POINT

Because Jesus is better in every way, we must persevere in faith and pursuit of Him.

INTRODUCTION

As a kid, what things about “growing up” were you most excited about?

How is being a grown-up different than what you imagined it would be like as a kid?

When do you think people truly grow up? At what age? Through what experiences?

REVIEW

| READ HEBREWS 5:11-6:12.

This section of verses is one of 5 breaks in the argument of Hebrews where the author gives direct encouragements, challenges, and warnings to his readers. In this one, he exhorts them to maintain and grow their faith.

What are some ways that we maintain and grow our faith? What does mature faith look like?

On Sunday, Barrett summarized this passage's call to persevere in the following 4 statements:

- 1. We need to be eager to see growing trust and transformation in our lives. (5:11-6:2)*
- 2. False believers profess but do not sincerely pursue God or practice faith and are separated from Him forever. (6:4-8)*
- 3. True believers persevere in sincere pursuit of and faith in God and will inherit His promises forever. (6:9-12)*
- 4. Perseverance is all grace, enabled and governed by God. Seek Him. Rest in Him. (6:3)*

Are you currently seeing growth and progress in your relationship with God? If not, why might that be? Most importantly, do you see in yourself a desire to grow?

What responsibility do we have to people who once showed a desire to know Jesus, but later seem to have fallen away?

How is it refreshing and encouraging to be reminded that our perseverance is ultimately by God's grace? How does this help you seek Him more earnestly and rest in Him more freely?

Spiritually speaking, how are you doing really well? Where is a specific area you would like to see more growth?

PRAYER

Pray that the Lord would give you a desire to grow and know Him more. Ask that this desire would increase as you mature in Christ. Thank the Spirit for helping you see how God is working in your life.