

The Danger of Discipline

Hebrews 6:1-8

If we do not grow to maturity, we are in danger of discipline.

- I. The _____: Move on to maturity (1-2)
 - A. Move beyond _____ and _____ (1).
 - B. Move beyond _____ and _____ (2).
 - C. Move beyond _____ and _____ (2).
- II. The _____: Grow by God's grace and truth (3)
 - A. Grow by God's _____ (cf 1 Cor 15:10; Phil 2:13).
 - B. Grow by the _____ (cf Jn 17:17).
- III. The _____: Bear fruit or face discipline (4-8)
 - A. The _____ convert who loses his salvation?
 - B. The _____ convert who was never truly saved?
 - C. The _____ convert who is in danger of discipline?

If the believer does not continue his progress to maturity, it is impossible for that believer to repeat for a second time a previous experience of repentance. In other words, the believer can not wipe the slate clean and start the Christian experience over again. The believer is responsible for all actions from the initial salvation experience forward. The reason there can not be a new start is that it would imply that the first application of Christ's death was not sufficient and there needs to be another application in order for the believer to progress to Christian maturity. Also, when a believer does not mature, it opens the cause of Christ to shame and ridicule.

- Charles Hauser