

The Call To Genuine Saving Faith.

Hebrews 6:1–8

Introduction: Clarifications of Hebrews 5:11–14

Elementary oracles of God are not referring to the gospel.

Romans **3:1** Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? **2** Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

Babes are not immature believers they are non-believers

Maturity is a true believer. One who has graduated from the elementary oracles of God's word to an understanding and acceptance of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I. The Call To Genuine Saving Faith includes an abandonment of incomplete teaching.

The word for leaving refers to forsake, to put away, to disregard, or to put off

This same word is used in the NT in connection with sin where it is used to convey the concept of forgiveness.

Matthew 9:2 And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven

Romans 4:7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

James 5:5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

Five categories of teaching to leave behind.

1. *Foundation of repentance from dead works to faith in God.* Acts 20:17–21

2. *Instructions about washings.* Not doctrine of baptism.

Titus 3:5 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,

3. *Laying on of hands.* **Leviticus 1:4** 'He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf.

4. *Resurrection of the dead.*

5. *Eternal Judgment.* **Ecclesiastes 12:14** For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Romans 8:1

1 Corinthians 3:12–15

Matthew 25:31–46

Revelation 20:11–15

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II. The Call to genuine saving faith is a call to depend upon divine enablement.

III. The call to genuine saving faith is a call to recognize the danger of being permanently without hope.

Recognize the goodness of God.

1. *Enlightenment.*

Matthew 4:16 “THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

John 12:35–36, 37–40

2. *Taste of the heavenly gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (the surpassing grace of God)

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

3. *Partaken of the Holy Spirit.* (Heb.2:4)

4. *Tasted of the word of God.*

5. *They have tasted of the powers of the age to come.*

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Continual rejection of God’s goodness renders one permanently without hope

Not a reference to losing one’s salvation.

John 6:37; 10:27–29; Romans 8:35, 38–39; Phil.1:6; 1 Peter 1:4–5

A reference to one losing all hope of salvation.

Comprehend the nature of impossible. Hebrews 6:18; 10:4; 11:6

IV. The call to genuine saving faith is a call to recognize the dual effects of gospel preaching.