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Hebrews 6:1-20

- I. **Maturity moves beyond the beyond the basics.** (vv. 1-3)
- II. **Failure to move on to maturity will cost you more than you want to bear.** (vv.4-8)

A. Key questions concerning the text.

1. **Who is being addressed?** Believers
2. **What is the meaning of “fallen away”?** Falling away from the goal of maturing in Christ.
3. **Why is it “impossible... to restore them again to repentance mean?** Because God will not permit it. (v.3)

B. The cost of immaturity is God's _____ .
(vv.7-8)

III. **Our ability to avoid the slippery slope of immaturity rests upon _____** (vv. 9-20)

A. God promises to _____ the _____ of His saints. (vv.9-12)

B. God's promise is the _____ of our hope, _____
_____ . (vv.13-20)

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. Verses 7-8 give us an example of God's discipline. If we are producing good we receive a blessing from God. If we are not producing good that brings glory to God then God brings to bear His judgement. What application can you make to your own life?
2. What should a Christian do if they sense they are experiencing God's hand of discipline? See Hebrews 12:5-8 and 1 John 1:8-9.
3. What does 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 reveal to you concerning God's judgement? How much of your accomplishments would survive this test?
4. In what way does "good works" relate to our salvation in Christ? Read James 2:26.

5. In Philippians 2:11-13 Paul exhorts believers to work out their own salvation. Read those verses to discover why it is we can "work out our salvation". What reason is given?

6. Do you have the assurance that you have received God's gift of eternal life? Do you live in fear of losing it? Read the following verses and make a note of God's promises.

John 3:15-16

Romans 10:9-10

Ephesians 1:13-14

John 10:28-29

7. There is a series of tests in 1 John that we can use to examine ourselves and our faith. As we look at them, remember that no one will perfectly fulfill all of them all the time, but they should reveal a consistent trend that characterizes our lives as we grow in grace.
 - 1) Do you enjoy having fellowship with Christ and His redeemed people? (1 John 1:3)
 - 2) Would people say you walk in the light, or walk in the darkness? (1 John 1:6-7)
 - 3) Do you admit and confess your sin? (1 John 1:8)
 - 4) Are you obedient to God's Word? (1 John 2:3-5)
 - 5) Does your life indicate you love God rather than the world? (1 John 2:15)
 - 6) Is your life characterized by "doing what is right"? (1 John 2:29)
 - 7) Do you seek to maintain a pure life? (1 John 3:3)
 - 8) Do you see a decreasing pattern of sin in your life? (1 John 3:5-6)
[Note: this refers to not continuing in sin as a way of life, not a total absence of sin.]
 - 9) Do you demonstrate love for other Christians? (1 John 3:14)
 - 10) Do you "walk the walk," versus just "talking the talk"? (1 John 3:18-19)
 - 11) Do you maintain a clear conscience? (1 John 3:21)
 - 12) Do you experience victory in your Christian walk? (1 John 5:4)