

# Hebrews 6

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## **Press On to Maturity**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

<sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

<sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God permit.

<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

<sup>5</sup> And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

<sup>6</sup> If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

<sup>7</sup> For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

<sup>8</sup> But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

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## **The Certainty of God's Promise**

<sup>9</sup> But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

**10** For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

**11** And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

**12** That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**13** For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

**14** Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

**15** And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

**16** For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

**17** Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

**18** That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

**19** Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

**20** Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Eternal — αἰώνιος (Aiōnios)

Eternal, everlasting

The Greek **aiōnios** (αἰώνιος) denotes eternal or everlasting—unending duration. Believers possess 'eternal life' (John 3:16) now and will dwell with God eternally, while the impenitent face 'eternal punishment' (Matthew 25:46).

### Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

### Hope — ἐλπίς (Elpis)

Hope, expectation

The Greek **elpis** (ἐλπίς) denotes hope—confident expectation of good. This hope is 'an anchor of the soul' (Hebrews 6:19), grounded in Christ's resurrection and the believer's future inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4).

### Repent — μετανοέω (Metanoeo)

To change one's mind, repent

The Greek **metanoeo** (μετανοέω) means to change one's mind or purpose—a complete transformation of thinking. John the Baptist and Jesus both began their ministries with 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

### Resurrection — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

### Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

### Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

### Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Hebrews 6:1** **References Christ:** Hebrews 9:14; Ephesians 4:12. **References God:** 2 Corinthians 7:1. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 7:11; 12:13. **Repentance:** Matthew 3:2; Acts 26:20. **Faith:** Matthew 21:32; John 5:24; 12:44

**Hebrews 6:2** **Parallel theme:** Acts 6:6. **Resurrection:** Acts 17:18; 23:6. **Baptism:** Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 2:41; 10:47; 16:33. **Judgment:** Acts 16:15; 24:25

**Hebrews 6:3** **References God:** Acts 18:21. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 4:19; 16:7

### Hebrews 6:4

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 10:32; Matthew 5:13; John 3:27; 15:6; Ephesians 2:8; 2 Timothy 2:25; 1 John 5:16. **Spirit:** Matthew 12:45; Galatians 3:2. **Holy:** Hebrews 2:4

**Hebrews 6:5** **Word:** Luke 8:13. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 2:5; 1 Peter 2:3; 2 Peter 2:20

### Hebrews 6:6

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 6:4; Isaiah 1:28; 2 Peter 2:21; 1 John 5:16. **References God:** Hebrews 10:29; Psalms 51:10. **Repentance:** 2 Timothy 2:25

**Hebrews 6:7** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 126:6; Hosea 10:12; James 5:7. **Sin:** Leviticus 25:21; Psalms 24:5; Isaiah 44:3; Ezekiel 34:26; Malachi 3:10. **Blessing:** Genesis 27:27

### Hebrews 6:8

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 10:27; Deuteronomy 29:28; Jeremiah 44:22; John 15:6. **Sin:** Hebrews 12:17

**Hebrews 6:9** **Salvation:** Hebrews 2:3; 2 Corinthians 7:10. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 10:39

**Hebrews 6:10** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:31; Matthew 10:42; Mark 9:41; Acts 11:29; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 6:18. **References God:** Hebrews 13:16; Acts 10:4; Colossians 3:17. **Love:** 1 Thessalonians 1:3

**Hebrews 6:11** **Hope:** Hebrews 3:6; Romans 15:13; 1 Peter 1:21. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:14; 10:22; Isaiah 32:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Peter 1:10; 1 John 3:14; Revelation 2:26

## Hebrews 6:12

**Faith:** Hebrews 13:7. **Covenant:** Hebrews 10:36; 1 John 2:25. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:14; 5:11; 12:1; Proverbs 18:9; Jeremiah 6:16; Romans 12:11; 2 Peter 1:10

## Hebrews 6:13

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**Hebrews 6:14 Sin:** Genesis 22:17. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 17:2; 48:4; Exodus 32:13; Deuteronomy 1:10; Nehemiah 9:23

**Hebrews 6:15 Covenant:** Hebrews 6:12. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 1:7

**Hebrews 6:16 Parallel theme:** Hebrews 6:13; Exodus 22:11

## Hebrews 6:17

**References God:** Hebrews 6:18. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 6:16; Psalms 33:11; 110:4; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:24; 55:11; John 10:10. **Covenant:** Hebrews 6:12; 11:9

**Hebrews 6:18 References God:** Numbers 23:19; Psalms 46:1; Romans 3:4. **Hope:** Titus 1:2. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:11; Joshua 20:3; 1 Samuel 15:29; Isaiah 51:12; 2 Timothy 2:13; 1 John 1:10

## Hebrews 6:19

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 9:3; 9:7; Leviticus 16:2; 16:15; Matthew 27:51; Acts 27:29; Colossians 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:19. **Hope:** Psalms 42:11; 43:5

**Hebrews 6:20 References Jesus:** Hebrews 3:1; 4:14. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:3; 2:10; 5:6; 5:10; 8:1; 9:12; Romans 8:34. **Creation:** Hebrews 9:24

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