

**HEBREWS:
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

**On to Maturity!
Hebrews 5:11-6:3
November 30, 2017**

I. On to maturity, after too long in infancy stage.

:11-12 A. by being taught

:13-14 B. by being trained

II. On to maturity, after too long in elementary school.

6:1-2 A. by no longer repeating a grade

1. “Again” (cf. 5:12)

2. “Foundation”

a. repentance

b. faith

3. “Instruction”

a. washings

b. laying on of hands

c. resurrection

d. judgment

:3 B. by making the grade

1. we will

2. but keep reading

III. On to maturity, in summary:

A. Through teaching so we know what to do – information

B. Through training so we know how to do – transformation

- C. Through encouragement/exhortation so we want to do -- motivation

Discussion Questions

1. What is intended by “this” in verse 11?
2. How does the author of the letter defend his statement that his readers have become “dull of hearing”? v. 12 How long have you been a Christian? Do you think you should now be able to teach someone else the basics of God’s revelation in Scripture? Is there someone you can name (a child, a spouse, a friend, a co-worker, etc.) whom you have taught the basics?
3. (vv. 13-14) Paul uses the same metaphor of milk and solid food in 1 Corinthians 3:1-4? Is his point the same as the author of Hebrews or different? What is this author’s point in the metaphor? How would you describe your own “diet” of the Word of God, both individually and through your church, and why do you answer that way?
4. Whereas verses 11 and 12 mention “teaching,” verses 13 and 14 mention “training” (“unskilled,” “trained,” and “constant practice”). Do you see a distinction between “teaching” and “training,” and if so, what is it?
5. (v. 6:1) What does our author intend as the reason we should leave the elementary and go on to maturity? In other words, what is the “therefore” there for?
6. (vv. 1-2) How do you think the “foundation” of the Christian life is related to the six subjects listed in these verses?
7. (v. 3) How do you explain this verse in relation to everything you know about what the Bible teaches about divine sovereignty and human responsibility?

GOING DEEPER

1. In your life so far, where have you received the best instruction in the teachings of the Bible? How would you figuratively describe your level of knowledge of Christian doctrine—elementary, secondary, undergraduate, post-graduate? Is your answer more objective or subjective?
2. In your life so far, where have you received the best training in Christian practice? Would you say you have had more teaching or more training in your Christian formation? Where do you think you could go to receive excellent training in Christianity?
3. Is the main obstacle to maturity you are facing currently related to teaching (information), training (transformation), or encouragement/exhortation (motivation)? What next step do you believe God wants you to take to overcome that obstacle?