Jesus is better! Hebrews 6:1-9

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *6:1* If we are to make progress, we have to leave certain things behind.
- 2) *6:1-2* Six foundational truths:
 - Repentance
 - Faith
 - Instruction about washings (Baptism)
 - Laying on of hands
 - Resurrection of the dead
 - Eternal judgment

First two—relationship to God

Next two—relationship to the assembly of believers

Last two—relationship to future things

- 3) *6:1-3* Progress is not made by laying again the foundation, but by building on the foundation.
- 4) *6:4-6* There are many different interpretations of this passage, but the finality of the danger cannot be escaped.
- 5) 6:4-6 What experiences had the readers enjoyed?
 - Enlightened—had some revelation of Jesus Christ; intellectual perception of spiritual, biblical truth
 - Tasted the heavenly gift –claimed to have experienced relationship with Jesus
 - Shared in the Holy Spirit—experienced gifts and influences from the Holy Spirit, but were not saved
 - Tasted the goodness of the word of God—had knowledge of the Christian message and some powerful experiences
- 6) *6:4-6* Repentance becomes impossible because the resistance to the gospel eventually builds an immunity against it. It is the opportunity for receiving salvation (not salvation itself) that can be lost.

- 7) *6:7* This verse refers to those who persist in hearing and obeying the word of God.
- 8) *6:8* This verse describes the fate of those who harden their hearts in unbelief and turn away from God (cf. 10:26–31).

GREEK WORDS

Aphiēmi—to put away Pherōmetha—continually carried along to maturity Phōtizō—to give light by knowledge or teaching Metochos—has to do with association, not possession

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