Two Warnings of Danger

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INTRODUCTION

- What a joy it is to see a new birth, a child born healthy, and certainly a great joy to the family and to the friends around.
- It's also a great joy, isn't it, when spiritually there's a new birth. When someone obeys the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- That as long, even as the baby has milk, it does not metabolize it correctly. That baby ten years later will still be a baby.

1 Still a Babe in Christ: Dull of Hearing

Hebrews 5:11–12; 1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 13:15

- One is born again, a babe in Christ, but ten years later still a babe in Christ, because it's not grown.
- Of whom we have much to say and hard to explain, since you become dull of hearing.
- Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God.
- Baptism is not the end, it is the beginning.
- I think the writer of this letter is saying, it's every bit as sad if not sadder spiritually.

2 Unskilled in the Word of Righteousness

Hebrews 5:13–14; Acts 17:11; 1 John 2:15

- Everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness. For he is a babe.
- They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily to see if these things were so. There's an attitude of receptiveness.
- Those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Ability to apply the scripture, to discern good and evil.
- They want to live like the rest of society around them. And consequently, they're unskilled in the word of righteousness and unable to really discern between good and evil.

3 Let Us Go On to Perfection

Hebrews 6:1–2; James 2:14; Acts 22:16

- Let us go on to perfection. Now, perfection here is talking about maturity.
- Not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment.
- That it means a turning around, a turning away from sin.
- If one has true faith toward God, it'll involve repentance, a turning away of sin.

- Ought you not to have grown that you not only have heard about these things, but now you can become a teacher.

4 Impossible to Renew Them Again to Repentance

Hebrews 6:4–6

- The first one we've talked about of staying a babe in Christ, which may eventually mean that we've just gotten to the point that we don't really believe in the Lord any longer.
- For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, have tasted the heavenly gift, have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,.
- It doesn't mean God won't allow them to come back. His hands are always open and ready.
- It can get to the state that person has become so hardened in heart, so dull of hearing, that you're not able to move them.
- The unfaithful Christian, the once a believer, can become an unbeliever and become an unfaithful Christian and be lost.

5 Crucify Again the Son of God

Hebrews 6:6–8

- They turn their back on the Lord, so they stand just like those who literally turn their back on the Lord when they nailed him to the cross.
- Why would you be motivated to obey the gospel if you see someone who claims to be a Christian, but they're talking like the world and acting like the world.
- In other words, God's word, like rain, brings blessing to all.
- But if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

THE CHALLENGE

Guard our own hearts and do our best to guard help those whom we love and know who need to hear this warning from the Scripture, that they too may be guarding their own heart lest they lose eternal life.

MY NOTES