

BELOVED, BETTER THINGS CONCERNING YOU- HEBREWS 6

What word would you use to describe your life at the time when you asked Jesus to save you? _____

⁶ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to ^{1a}perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this ^{1b}we will do if God permits.

⁴ For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ ^{1c}if they fall away, to **renew** them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

⁷ For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; ⁸ but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

⁹ But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. ¹⁰ For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and ^{1a}labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become ^{1c}sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the ^{1a}immutability of His counsel, ^{1b}confirmed *it* by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two ^{1a}immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we ^{1b}might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

¹⁹ This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. **Hebrews 6**

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son. **Colossians 1:13**

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be **renewed** in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:20-24**

1. In the early church what was the prevailing truth concerning Jesus by the Apostles? (See Acts 3:14-15, Acts 4:33, 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
2. How do you understand repentance in the context of Hebrews chapter 6? (See Better with Jesus pgs 122-123)
3. How does a believer in Jesus today best plan for their future?
4. What's at stake for believers in every generation (See page 127)
5. What is the real challenge when it comes to living for Jesus today?