

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the “milk of the word”?
2. What is the “strong meat” the writer refers to in Hebrews 5:14?
3. How seriously should we take the facts of the sacrificial death of Christ?
4. Seeing how God blessed Abraham, what should be our hope?
5. Does “strong meat” lead to spiritual growth?
6. Why is there apostasy? What causes apostasy? [\[SoF:16\]](#)

SUMMARY:

As babes in Christ we can only grow as a small child grows in the flesh. We must begin by feeding on the basics of salvation and God’s promises to us. As we grow we become stronger in our faith and the tests and trials of our faith become as that stronger meat which makes our faith grow and causes us to be more dependent upon God. We recognize our weaknesses and realize only the Grace of God can keep us in His way. We understand the sacredness of Jesus’ sacrifice and must carefully avoid anything that might endanger our relationship. Through faith we learn that our eternal salvation is bestowed only on those who obey Him (Hebrew 5:9), and we endeavor to separate ourselves from the world and abide close to Him.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins. [\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

[\[SoF:16\]](#) We believe that the gift of eternal life is a present possession of every true disciple of Jesus Christ, and that nothing nor anyone can take it from him. However, it is a realistic possibility for a true believer, of his own free will, to no longer “continue in the faith” but instead to apostatize, “depart from the faith”, return to sin, and consequently forfeit the eternal life he once possessed

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

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Third Quarter

CHRIST, OUR SACRIFICE [\[SoF:4\]](#)

LESSON TEXT: *Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1-20*

LESSON SETTING: Probably written from Italy by Paul to the Christian Jews.

TIME: Approximately 64 A.D.

I. SPIRITUAL GROWTH. Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1-3

A. Babes in Christ. (vs. 12, 13) 1 Corinthians 3:1, 2; Ephesians 4:14; 1 Peter 2:2

B. Spiritual Growth (vs. 14; ch. 6:1-3) 1 Corinthians 14:20; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Peter 3:18

II. CHRIST DIED ONCE. Hebrews 6:4-8

A. Peril of going back (vs. 4-6) Matthew 24:12, Luke 9:62, 10:14; Hebrews 10:38

B. Sacrifice despised (vs. 6b-8) Psalm 36:12; Mark 3:29; Hebrews 12:17, Titus 1:16

III. FAITHFULNESS REWARDED. Hebrews 6:9-20

A. Good Works (vs. 9-11) Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 6:18; Titus 2:7; James 2:17, 18; 1 Peter 2:12

B. Surety of God’s Word (vs. 12-18) Psalm 111:7; Matthew 5:18; Luke 21:33

C. Eternal Hope (vs. 19, 20) [\[SoF:10\]](#) Acts 24:15; Romans 8:24; Titus 2:13; 1 Peter 1:3

GOLDEN TEXT: *...EVEN CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US.* 1 Corinthians 5:7

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Hebrews 7:1-28

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 14:17-24; Psalm 110:1-7

QUARTERLY THEME: BOOK OF HEBREWS

TOPIC: CHRIST, THE UNCHANGING SAVIOR

INTRODUCTION:

According to the Law and Jewish tradition, a candidate for the office of High Priest must be a descendant of Levi. In other words he must be able to trace his family line.

The Apostle, to overcome the misgivings of the Jews concerning Jesus who was a descendant of Judah rather than Levi (and thus not from the right "family tree") had to point out that Psalm 110 referred to the all-atoning High Priest who should be after the order of Melchisedec. He was a Canaanite who lived long before Levi was even born. Since he could not trace his ancestry to Levi, he is said to be "without father and mother." Since he also supposedly was a bachelor, he was without descendants. To further the case, since no record is made of his family genealogy it can be said he is without a recorded family.

This was explained to show that Jesus was to be a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec and not after the order of Aaron.

Since earthly High Priests served only through their earthly lives and had to be followed by another appointment, Jesus on the contrary, has an unchanging Priesthood and since He lives eternally, is able to save every believer not just in this life but to the uttermost into all eternity.

CENTRAL TRUTH: An eternal Christ provides an unchanging priesthood.

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE IS ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTTERMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM.*

Hebrews 7:25

Jesus, who in His death on the cross, His resurrection from the grave and His ascension into heaven, changed the order of the establishment of the office of High Priest.

Previously, descendants of Aaron were appointed by God to fill this office, but since death ended their labors and another had to fill their place, they (not being incarnate) were unable to save men eternally. The sacrifices as offered by the priests also were unable to free men from sin even for a brief period of time. While the office, as established in Aaron, had its place and served a real purpose, it was incomplete.

Today we live in and enjoy a new dispensation with a great High Priest who is able to save us eternally because He lives forever and continually intercedes for us. Through His sacrifice He is able to give us deliverance from sin. May we seek His mercy and help.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 12 – 18

M. A Picture from History. Genesis 14:17-24

T. A Continuing Honor. Psalm 45:1-11

W. A Prophecy of Christ. Psalm 110:1-7

T. A Divine High Priest. John 17:1-10

F. *A Type of Christ. Hebrews 7:1-10

S. *An Unfailing Priesthood. Hebrews 7:11-22

S. *An Unchangeable Priesthood. Hebrews 7:23-28

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