## **Sermon Questions Hebrews 5:11-6:8**

This week we discussed another warning passage that demonstrates some who have experienced Jesus Christ have never made Him the Lord of their lives. It is a warning to anyone who falsely thinks that by simply having a positive encounter or experience that they are truly saved. Salvation is a gift from God that is appropriated through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. This sobering text warns the false professor that to get that close to the faith and then commit apostasy makes it impossible to ever return to Christ. When properly understood this text encourages the believer and invites the false professor to repentance.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Danger of Spiritual Lethargy Hebrews 5:11-6:8

Spiritual lethargy...

Suppresses spiritual appetites and the ability to discern good and evil (5:11-14)

Preferences religious practices to a personal relationship (6:1-3)

Results in grave consequences (6:4-6)

Becomes obvious over time (6:7-8)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it HERE. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email <a href="mailto:info@bravechurch.online">info@bravechurch.online</a> and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

## Questions

- 1. What is spiritual lethargy? What is the problem with stunted spiritual growth? How does this condition suppress the appetite? What is the challenge associated with a suppressed appetite? If every believer starts off as a spiritual infant then what is the problem with perpetual infancy?
- 2. What is the problem with drinking only milk and not solid food? Is there a problem with milk? Why should the believer prefer solid food? What does solid food produce? Why is understanding righteousness important?

- 3. How do we grow in righteousness? Why is practicing what is preached important? What results from a believer who does not practice righteousness? What results from a believer who does practice righteousness?
- 4. Why is discerning both good and evil important? Why should the believer be able to discern both good and evil? Why should pastors call evil, evil and good, good? What happens when a non-practicing pastor does not preach the full counsel of God's Word? Why should you attend a church where the Word of God is regularly, accurately and faithfully proclaimed?
- 5. What are some of the ways that the lost prefer religion to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Why is religion preferable to some than repentance and faith?
- 6. What are some ways that people in our culture today prefer religious practices to personally growing with Jesus Christ? Why are religious practices such a danger to the Christian faith? How are spiritual disciplines different than religious practices? Why does having a relationship with Jesus Christ change our focus on doing good behaviors?
- 7. What is the problem with experiencing and knowing the way to salvation but never taking that step? Why is the author trying to warn some of his readers about this reality? Why should you pay attention?
- 8. Read John 10:27-30, Romans 8:31-39, Ephesians 1:13-14 and Philippians 1:6. Is a believer ever in danger of losing his salvation? How could a believer possibly lose what they never earned? Why do some falsely teach that a believer can lose his salvation? What is the problem with this false teaching?
- 9. Since the author is not address believers in Hebrews 6:4, then who is he warning? What is the warning? What does "impossible" mean? What is impossible for a non-believer, who has been given every chance to trust Christ and then commits apostasy? Why should you respond to the Lord immediately when you hear His voice?
- 10. Can we really know if a person is a believer? Are their signs that accompany their life that allow us to make a diagnosis? What are the signs? Can a good tree produce bad fruit or a bad tree produce good fruit? Does Jesus believe it is possible to know the heart of a person by the fruit they produce?
- 11. What is the analogy of the ground that drinks up the rain? If the rain represents the fullness of the Gospel and the ground represents the heart of a person, then what can we deduce? What happens to a person who repents and trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ? What happens to a person who passively or actively rejects the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 12. What do you need to apply (practice) right in your life as a result of this message?