

Spiritual Coming of Age

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Hebrews 5:12-6:2

Some Wrong Ideas

- 1 Tim. 6:20-21 – False knowledge.
- 2 Tim. 3:7 – Ever learning but never knowing truth.
- Rom. 1:20-22 – Fools professing wisdom.
- Pro. 28:26; Jer. 17:9 – Emotionalism & feelings.
- 2 Tim. 3:5 – Appearance of godliness.
- Heb. 10:26 – Bible knowledge without obedience.
- **Teleios – brought to its end, finished complete, full grown, adult, of full age, mature.**
- Col. 1:28 – The gospel is intended to perfect us in Christ, and should be our goal.

Put Away Worldly Things

- Eph. 4:20-24 “if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man...
- be renewed in the spirit of your mind...
- put on the new man...” Cf. Col. 3:5-9.
- **1 Cor. 3:1-3 – Failure results in envy, strife, and division!**

Overcoming Temptation

- Jas. 4:17; 1 Jn. 3:4 – Tempted in similar ways...
- Eph. 4:1 – Not just knowing the truth, but living it!
- 1 Jn. 2:14 – Written to remind, encourage and help overcome the wicked one...
- 1 Pet. 5:8-9 – Steadfastness in the faith is necessary to resist Satan!
- 1 Cor. 10:12-13 – God can show us the way out of temptation.
- **Psa. 119:11 – Why do we study God's word?**

Going On To Perfection

- Heb. 6:1a “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection...”
- Heb. 5:11, 13 – In understanding and using the word of God...
- Heb. 5:12 – In ability & willingness to teach...
- Heb. 5:14 – In distinguishing between right and wrong, truth and error.

Desiring To Be Like Christ

- Gal. 4:19 “My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you”
- Phil. 2:5 – Maturing Christians measure themselves by the standard of Christ.
 - **Jn. 8:29 – In obedience, always doing what pleases God.**
 - **Jn. 13:15 – In service, following His example.**
 - **Jn. 13:34 – In love, loving one another as He has loved us!**
- **Col. 1:27 “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”**

Decision...

- Spiritual maturity is much more important than is physical maturity!
- Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17 – It, too, begins at birth.
- 1 Pet. 2:2; 3:18 – Progress is expected throughout life.
- How do we measure up today?