

Jesus, the Anchor of the Soul



Week Seven

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Read This Week's Passage:
Hebrews 5:11–6:20

WARNING!

Hebrews 5:11–6:20 interrupts the theological exposition about Jesus' priesthood in our behalf. Paul inserts there a severe warning about the danger of falling away from Christ.

Apparently, the people were in real danger of going down the slippery slope of self-pity and faithlessness. The apostle Paul is concerned that his readers and hearers may have had their spiritual senses dulled because of the difficult situations they were facing, and thus they had stopped growing in their understanding and experience of the gospel.

Isn't this a potential danger for us all, getting discouraged because of trials and thus falling away?

The severe warning culminates, however, in an affectionate encouragement. Paul expresses faith in his readers and exalts Jesus as the embodiment of God's unbreakable promise of salvation to them (Heb. 6:9–20). This cycle of warning and encouragement is repeated in Hebrews 10:26–39. We will study this cycle and focus on the strong words of encouragement that Jesus provides for us.



inScribe

Write out Hebrews 5:11–6:20 from the Bible translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Hebrews 6:9–12, 19, 20. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Hebrews 5:11–6:20. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What does it mean to die to “self,” to take up the “cross”?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What can we learn from the apostle regarding warning and encouraging others whom we love?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Hebrews 10:26–29

Matthew 16:24

Romans 6:1–11

Galatians 2:20

Galatians 5:22–24

John 7:37–39

1 Corinthians 12:13



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Hebrews 5:11–6:20?

Review your memorized verse from Hebrews 5:11–6:20.



Meditate on Hebrews 5:11–6:20
again and look for where Jesus is.



How much assurance do you
need and how much assurance
does Jesus give us?

How do you see Jesus differently
or see Him again?

What is He saying to you through
these texts?

Prayer: How do you respond to
seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study of the
passage, how does Hebrews beg
to be applied in your personal life?

How can the warning of Hebrews
be applied in your place of study,
work, or worship?

A large grid of small dots for writing notes.



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



Why did John come to be transformed into the image of Jesus while Judas committed the sin against the Holy Spirit?

What is the difference between taking up the cross and submitting to abuse from others?

Why does God require a total surrender (not 99.9 percent) of our lives to Him?

What is the relationship between free will and salvation?

What is the thing that you find most difficult to hand over to the dominion of Christ?

What do you feel when you think that God has made an oath to you?

How has the assurance of Christ's salvation changed your life practically?