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Hebrews 6:1 (ASV) Wherefore leaving the **doctrine of the first principles of Christ**, let us press on unto perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

“Dead works” are by many supposed to be the works of the Law. They are so called, it is alleged, because of their utter inefficiency in the way of procuring life and salvation for the sinner. But is not this using the phrase in too limited a sense? Are not all required to repent and turn from everything that is sinful and that leads to death, such as the works of the flesh enumerated in Gal. 5:19-21? The Apostle here seems to use the phrase “repentance from dead works” in its widest sense, embracing everything from which the sinner is required to turn in his conversion from darkness to light, and from the service of Satan to the service of God.

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² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

³ And this 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 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.

Hebrews 6:6 (ESV) if they then fall away, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God **to their own harm** and **holding him up to contempt**.

Hebrews 6:6 (NIV) if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because **to their loss** they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and **subjecting him to public disgrace**.

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 briars, *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 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 sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Hebrews 6:12 (NLT) Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.

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.

Genesis 12:4 (NIV) So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was **seventy-five years old** when he set out from Haran.

Genesis 21:5 (NKJV) Now Abraham was **one hundred years old** when his son Isaac was born to him.

Genesis 22:16-18 (NKJV) ¹⁶ and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and **have not withheld your son**, your only *son*-- ¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

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 immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,

¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we 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,

Hope laid up in heaven which we learned in the gospel = **Colossians 1:5**

Hope of eternal life = **Titus 1:2**

Living hope = **1st Peter 1:3**

The Christian should have the hope manifest within him or her = **1st Peter 3:15**

²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Questions Chapter 6

1. List the 6 elementary principles of Christ.

2. What are some important lessons to be learned from Hebrews 6:4-6?

3. Which verse warns, “*that you do not become sluggish*”.
 - a. Give an example as to how one might become sluggish.

 - b. How can one avoid becoming sluggish?

4. How might you show that Abraham patiently endured?

5. Explain the importance of hope.