



Chapter 6

Context, Context, Context

- OVERALL THEME: Superiority of Jesus Christ.
- THEOLOGICAL CONTEXT: Contrasts the incomplete Old Covenant and the infinitely better New Covenant through Jesus Christ.
- HISTORICAL CONTEXT: Christians were being persecuted for their faith in Christ.

- TO LEAVE: Greek “aphimeí” —to forsake, abandon, as in to leave behind.
- MATURITY: Greek “teleiotes” —perfection, completeness
- CHRIST: Greek “Christos” —Hebrew “Messiah”

Repentance From Dead Works and Faith in God

Turn from the rituals of the levitical system that foreshadowed the Messiah and turn to Christ.

HEB. 10:4—“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

HEB. 9:12—“He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

ACTS 4:12—“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

JOHN 14:6—“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Instructions About Washings

These were the many ritualistic, ceremonial washings.

TITUS 3:5—“He saved us not on the basis of deeds done in righteousness, but according to His mercy by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

The Laying on of Hands

A symbolic transfer of guilt to an innocent animal. It was identifying with the animal that was about to die.

- LEV. 1-4—“He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him”
- 2 COR. 5:21—“He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Resurrection of the Dead

The doctrine of resurrection is basic in the Old Testament.

BUT very clear in 1 COR. 15. as to Christ’s resurrection, our resurrection, and the order of resurrection.

- JOB 19:26—“Even after my skin is destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.”
- DAN. 12:2—“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
- JOHN 11:25—“...I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even if he dies.”

Eternal Judgment

- ECCL. 12:14—“God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”
- ROM. 8:1—“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Our works will be judged for reward—1 Cor. 3:12-15

Judgment of the sheep and the goats—Matt. 25:31-46

Judgment at the great white throne—Rev. 20:11-15

All judgment has been committed to Jesus Christ—Jn. 5 21-29

Enlighten

- Enlighten: Greek—"Photizo"—To give light by instruction. To be mentally aware.
- John 1:9—"There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."
- ISA. 9:1,2—"...The people walking in darkness saw a great light..."

All who saw and heard Jesus saw this great light. They were enlightened. But not all who saw and heard Jesus got saved.

Tasted

- TASTED—Greek—"geuomai" To come to an inward awareness of; to try the flavor of; to make trial of. May speak of a momentary, temporary, or lasting experience.
- Matt. 27:34—"...but when He tasted it, He would not drink it."
- MATT. 13:20,21—"The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away."

Heavenly Gift

- GIFT: Greek—"Dorea"
- ROM. 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Salvation is a gift of God's grace. To refuse God's gift brings judgment."

Partakers of the Holy Spirit

- PARTAKER: Not necessarily "possessor"—It means one who shares in or participates in. Individuals may partake of the Holy Spirit without being indwelt by Him.
- 1 COR. 7:14—"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband..."

The Good Word of God

- WORD: Greek—"Rhea" not Logos.

RHEA refers to a portion of Scripture which is either spoken or written. It suggests that these individuals have experienced the impact of significant, individual portions of Scripture. Certainly—The GOSPEL message.

The "Powers" of the Age to Come.

- POWERS: Greek—"Dunamis"

"Dunamis" refers to mighty works; miracles which these individuals had observed or participated in.

- MATT. 7:22-23—"On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Principle of Hermeneutics

Never build a doctrine around one hard to interpret verse, when there are many others that teach just the opposite.

Salvation Cannot Be Lost!

- JOHN 10: 27-29—"My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me, and I give eternal life to them and they shall NEVER perish..."
- ROM. 8:38,39—"...nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus."
- EPH. 1:13,14—"...you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our salvation."

Fallen Away

- FALLEN AWAY: Greek—"Parapipto"

It means to fall away from the true faith.

It's the sin of APOSTASY.

- HEB. 10:26—"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.

Renew Again Unto Repentance

- ACTS 11:18 "...God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."
- 2 COR. 7:10—"...the sorrow (repentance) of the world produces death."

It's IMPOSSIBLE for Apostates to be renewed again to repentance because their initial repentance was not a saving repentance, and their hearts and consciences are so hardened by rejecting the truth that they are beyond remedy.

Apostates

- 1 JOHN 2:19—"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us."

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- If you're worried 😞 you've committed the sin of apostasy—you haven't. ❤️