

**Hebrew 5:11-6:20** February 19, 2017. We will discuss the **bold** and **underlined** questions.

**1. Read Heb 5:11-through 6:1-3. What does the author state the spiritually immature need? What does it mean that some of them were “dull of hearing”?**

2. What does the author mean by solid food (vv 12,14)? How specifically does the writer contrast the spiritually immature Jews with the mature followers of Christ?

**3. What are the six elementary teachings of 6:1-2? How elementary do we consider these teaching today?**

4. How mature are you based on the marks of 11-14 and 6:1-2? What steps can you take to improve upon distinguishing good from evil, and moving beyond the elementary teachings?

**5. Read Heb 6:4-8. What is the author’s warning? Why is it impossible to bring “those who have fallen away” back to repentance (v6)?**

6. How are maturing Christians like the land in v 7; and those who have fallen away like the land in v. 8? What is the warning and lesson for us in these verses?

**8. Can a true believer lose his salvation? What do Jesus and Paul say about this in John 6:39-40, John 10:27-30, Rom 8:31-39, and Phil 1:6?**

**9. Read Heb 6:9-12. Here the author shifts from warning to encouraging. How does the laziness mentioned in v. 12 relate back to the message in 5:11-14?**

10. As you reflect on your own track record of both diligence and laziness, how can you improve?

**11. Read Heb 6:13-20. Who are the “heirs” of both the promise to Abraham, and the one in Psalm 110:4 quoted here? What essential part of God’s nature encourages Hebrews (and us) to be hopeful?**

12. How would you describe the anchor of your soul? How solidly anchored is your hope? If it isn’t, what have you learned in this lesson to help you feel more secure in your faith?

**13. From this lesson, what practical steps can you take to move beyond the elementary teachings of faith and become more diligent, mature, and anchored in hope?**