

**Warning Three (Part I):
The Danger of Immaturity or of Falling Away
Hebrews 05:11—06:03**

1 *A person becomes immature because he is slow to learn*

11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.

2 *A person becomes immature because he refuses to grow*

12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

3 *A person becomes immature because he is not acquainted with the Word*

13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

4 *A person becomes immature because he does not train his mental & spiritual senses*

14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

CHAPTER 6

5 *A person needs to get past the ABC's of teaching*

1 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,

2 instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

6 *A person must be determined to grow in Christ*

3 And God permitting, we will do so.

Warning Three (Part II): Fear, Lest You Fall Away

Hebrews 06:04–08

1 *The believers' privileges*

- a. Had been enlightened
- b. Had tasted of the heavenly gift
- c. Had shared in the Holy Spirit
- d. Had tasted God's Word
- e. Had tasted of the coming age

2 *The warning:*

It is impossible to repent of falling away, cp. v. 4

- a. Because one continues to crucify God's Son
- b. Because one shames Christ

3 *The meaning illustrated*

- a. Good soil receives rain
 - 1) Bears fruit
 - 2) Is blessed of God
- b. Bad soil receives rain
 - 1) Bears thorns
 - 2) Is near to being cursed

4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,

5 Who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age,

6 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 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.

8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.