

Upward

Hebrews 5:11-6:20

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We all know that transitions are hard!

- There were Jews who wanted all Moses and no Jesus (Acts 9:1-2)
- There were Jews who wanted some Jesus and some Moses (Acts 15:1-5)
- There were Jews who wanted all Jesus and no Moses (Galatians 3:1-29)

If these Jewish Christians were not moving upward in their faith they were moving backward.

I. Upward in their Dining (5:12-14)

- A. Scripture is for feasting (not snacking)
- B. Scripture is for chewing
- C. Scripture is for learning
- D. Scripture is for growing
- E. Scripture is for teaching

II. Upward in their Understanding (6:1-8)

- A. Jesus as our High Priest is a Melchizedek thing not an Aaron thing.
 - 1. The typical out and the actual in.
 - 2. The shadow out and the substance in
 - 3. The partial out and the full in
 - 4. The temporary out and the permanent in
- B. The Old Covenant of Moses ended with the New Covenant of Jesus.
- C. They had to choose between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant
 - 1. The Spirit of God had done His job in their hearts
 - 2. The Word of God had done its job in their ears
 - 3. The power of God had done its job in their eyes
 - 4. The exercise of saving faith was totally up to them

III. Upward in their Trusting (6:9-20)

- A. God made a promise to Abraham and the promise became a reality
- B. God made a promise to them and the promise would become a reality
 - 1. The Old Covenant High Priest went behind the veil into God's presence as their representative, but they could never go in.
 - 2. The New Covenant Great High Priest went through the veil into God's presence as our "forerunner" and we get to follow Him in!

So What?

- When someone is "born again" they begin as a baby Christian.
- As time goes by baby Christians are expected to grow up.
- The church is God's only plan for growing mature Christians.
- The Christian who is not moving upward is moving backward