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Theme:

The Supremacy of

*Jesus Christ*



# Warnings against Immaturity and Falling Away!

Hebrews 5 & 6



## REVIEW: HEBREWS 1-2

Hebrews 2:1 For this reason we must **pay much closer attention** to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

## REVIEW: HEBREWS 3-4

Hebrews 3:12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an **evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the Living God**.

UNBELIEF

DISOBEDIENCE

Disbelief in the **Judgements** of God

HARDENED HEART

Disbelief in the **Goodness** of God





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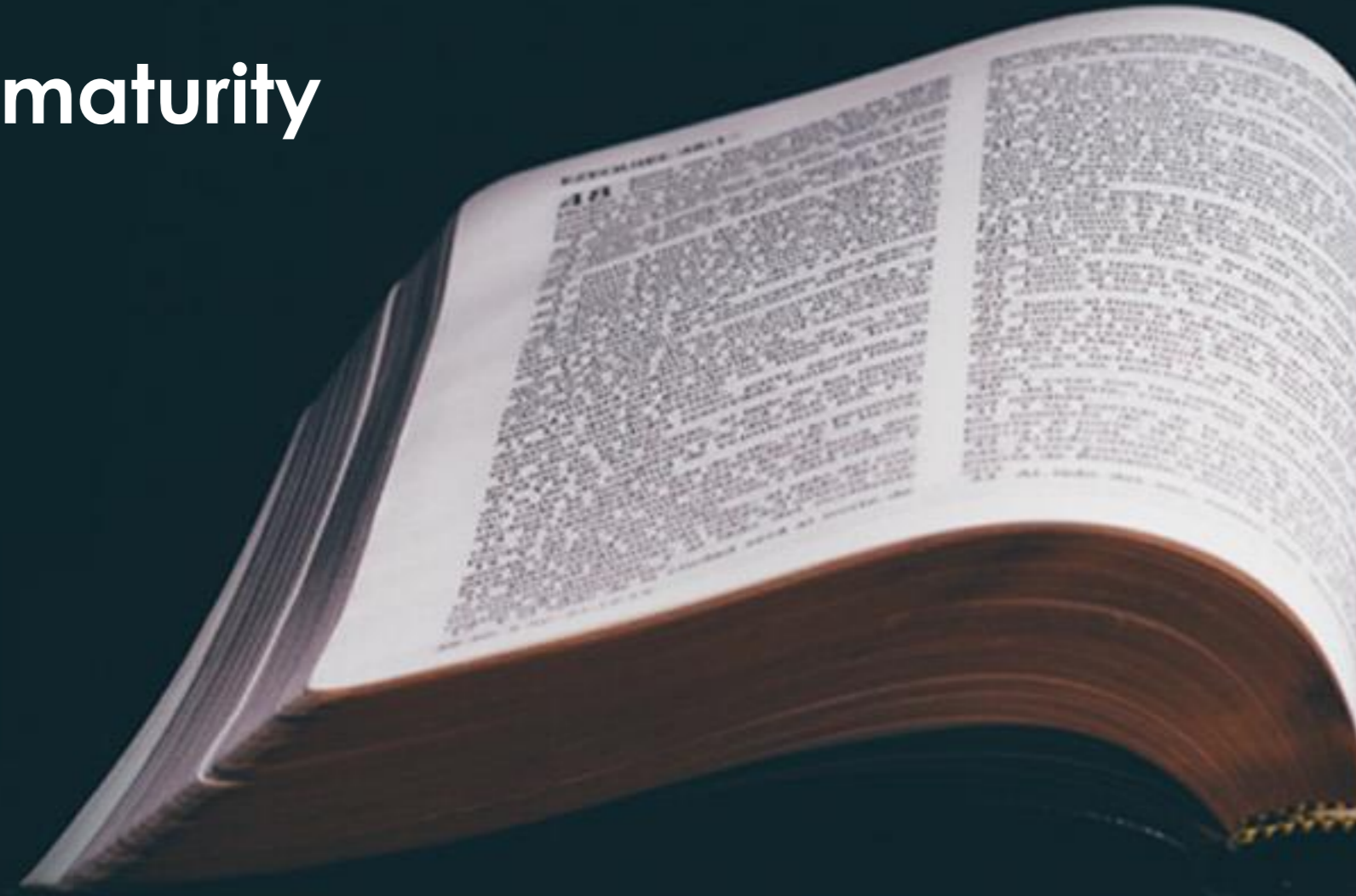
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## Hebrews 5:11-14

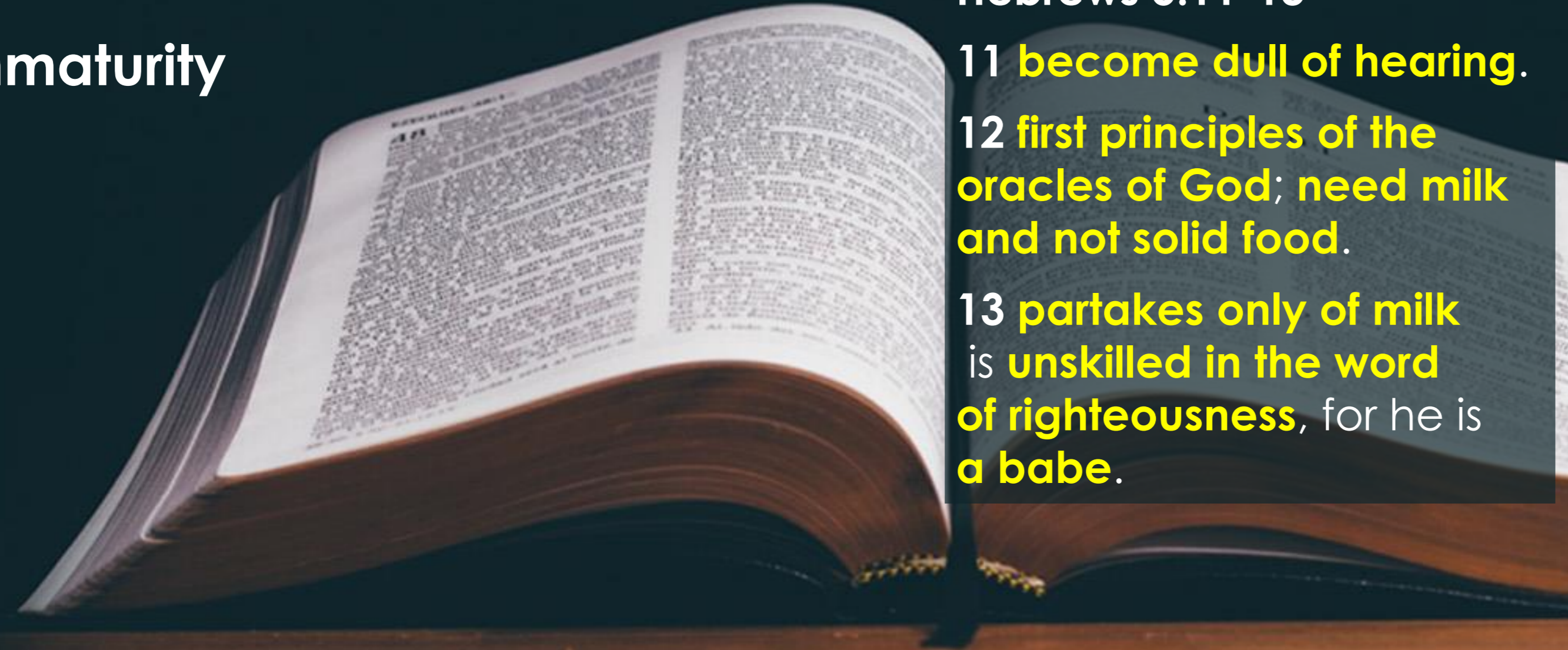
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**Hebrews 5:11** of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have **become dull of hearing**. **12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and you have come to **need milk and not solid food**. **13** For everyone who **partakes only of milk** is **unskilled in the word of righteousness**, for he is **a babe**. **14** But **solid food** belongs to those who are of **full age**, that is, those who by **reason of use** have their **senses exercised to discern both good and evil**.

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#### The Spiritually Immature:

- ✓ Vulnerable to lies and deception of the evil one.
- ✓ Spiritually stagnant
- ✓ Lacking in discernment
- ✓ Prone to stumble and fall easily in their faith
- ✓ Easily offended
- ✓ Orphan spirit
- ✓ Unable to grasp spiritual truths
- ✓ Etc.

## Warnings against Immaturity - Grow in Discernment!

**Hebrews 5:14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil.**



- **Discern** correctly
- **Sense** perfectly
- **Perceive** accurately

**Discern-Sense-Perceive** is a faculty in our spirit-man

# The Word-Filled Spirit-Empowered Maturing Believer



## Develop the 3 main functions of our Spirit-Man

1. Strengthen
2. Sensitise
3. Sharpen

### SPIRIT

#### 3 main functions:

1. Relationship
2. Conscience
3. Discernment  
(RCD)

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue-grey color.

## Warnings against Immaturity - Grow in Discernment!

### In Life:

- every decision
- words spoken
- opinions expressed
- thoughts
- plans
- propositions
- suggestions
- influencers
- people dynamics
- motives of others (Mark 2:8)
- each circumstance and situation
- times and seasons (Daniel 2:22)
- things of God (1 Corinthians 2)

### To be discerning, ask these questions

- Is this of God? (always good)
- Is this of Man that is good?
- Is this of the evil one?
- Is this of man that is evil?
- Is this of man that is neutral? Worthless?
- Which part is of God and which part is not of God?



## HOW?

### 1. Partake of the Word

- Milk-Bread-Solid Food

### 2. Regular Practice

- Exercise  
Discernment

HOLY  
BIBLE

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Chew-digest-inUvsMilk/Bread



## Grow in Discernment

e.g. 1: 5 leaders and a building project

**James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

**Guard against spiritual lingo and politically correct statements**

**e.g. 2:** A hurt leader frequently recalling words  
of a pastor

**1 Corinthians 13:5** It **[love]** does not dishonour others,  
it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, **it keeps  
no record of wrongs.**





**e.g. 3:** Save the earth  
- Global Warming & Climate Change

**Romans 8:19-22** *(We are to be good and wise stewards)*

**19** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; **21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs together until now.

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**e.g. 4:** Increase in Lawlessness

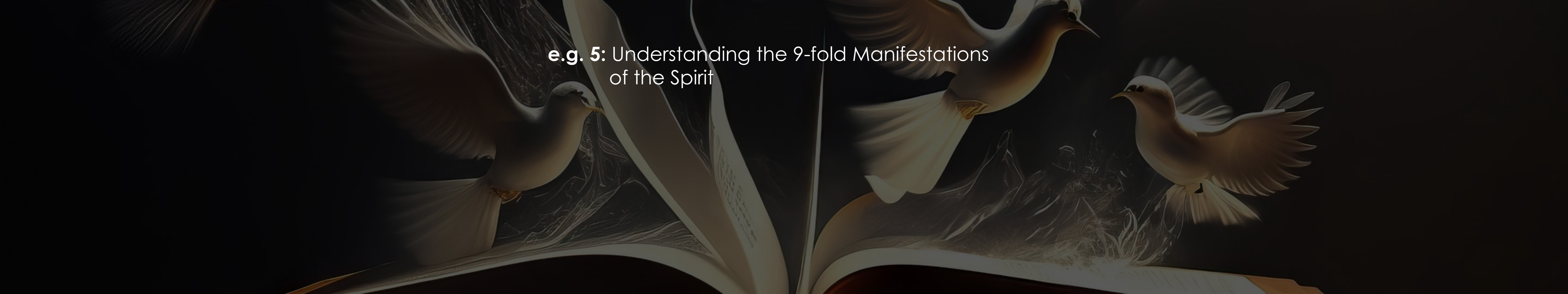
Devil's attempts to destroy the original creation of:

- ✓ Gender: male/female
- ✓ Marriage
- ✓ Family

- 1 Corinthians 6:15-20
- why sexual sins top list
- RT's sons: gambling-sex



**e.g. 5:** Understanding the 9-fold Manifestations  
of the Spirit



### 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

7 But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, 10 to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

e.g. 5: Understanding the 9-fold Manifestations of the Spirit



**e.g. 6:** Who **influences** you? Values-Worldviews

- Social Media
- Online Content
- Company you keep, etc.

**Shaped by what you constantly spend time  
and energy on**





A landscape photograph showing rolling hills under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a river flows through a valley, with a large, leafy tree on the left bank. The hills are covered in sparse vegetation, and the overall scene is somewhat desolate and quiet.

### Psalm 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 but his delight is in the **law of the Lord**, and in His law he **meditates** day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its **fruit in its season**, whose **leaf** also **shall not wither**; and **whatever he does shall prosper**.



1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived:  
“Evil company corrupts good habits.”

- Life Choices
- ChasingWorld&Overstretch\$\$
- WorkCareer
- r/s



## Grow in Discernment!

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2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

- K'sColleagues-Drinks-Marriages
- Pothipar'sW-Joe
- Conspiracies-deception-spiritulizeEP



**e.g. 7:** Boundaries with the Opposite Sex

**e.g. 8:** What is Culture, Natural and Spiritual?

**e.g. 9:** Life Choices

- Single or married, children, housing, in-laws
- Debts, savings, investments, holidays
- Social life, company you hang out with
- Serving God, CG
- Etc.

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**HOW?**

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2. **Regular Practice** - Exercise Discernment

3. Check with Mentors/Mature Leaders/  
Competent People

Wisdom

Experience

Competence

Knowledge

Understanding

Foresight

Insight

Oversight

What is Spiritual Warfare and what is not

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4. The **Word of Truth** can only be revealed by the **Spirit of Truth!**

The **KEY** is our Personal Relationship with God!

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**Two Views on the Salvation Question:**

**View #1** - You are either Saved or Not Saved

**View #2** - You can Lose your Salvation!

A dramatic landscape featuring a wooden cross in the foreground. The background is split: the left side shows a dark, stormy sea with lightning, while the right side shows a bright sunset over a green field. The text is overlaid on the center.

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- Once saved, always saved!
- Perseverance of the saints (Reformed/Calvinist)
- Eternal Security (Free Grace Theology)
- But, “**difficult**” to explain certain **passages** such as:

Hebrews 6:4-8

Hebrews 10:26-31

2 Peter 2:20-22

Ezekiel 18

A dramatic landscape with a wooden cross in the foreground, a stormy sea on the left, and a bright sunset on the right. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The sea is dark blue with white-capped waves and a lightning bolt is visible in the sky. The sunset is bright yellow and orange, illuminating the grassy field and the rocky cliffs on the right.

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- Based on the weight of Scriptures including these passages:

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- Three Principles in this view

## THREE PRINCIPLES

### Principle #1:

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- Romans 5:1, 8:1, 10:9-10
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 1:13-14, etc.



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**Venue: Kindy Hall (basement)**

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### Principle #2:

(A) How we live our lives and serve God  
are all works





### 1 Corinthians 3:11-12

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw

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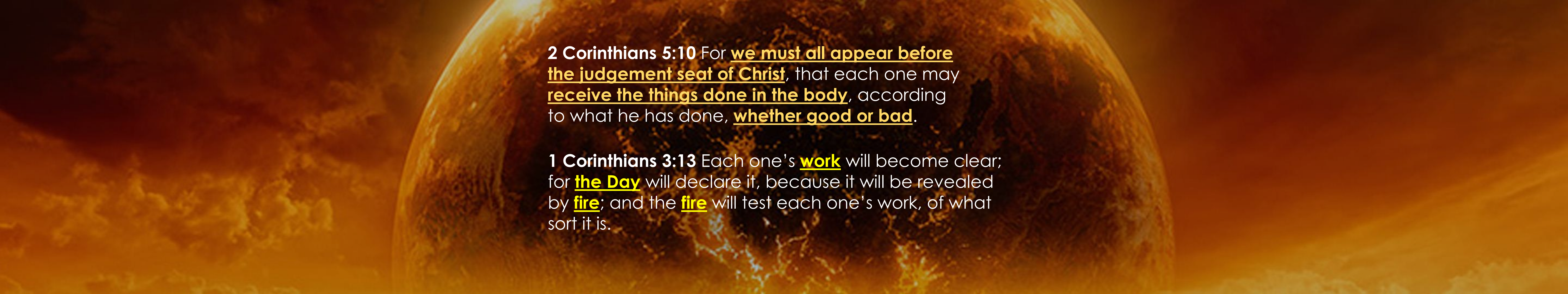
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### Principle #2:

(B) There will be a Judgement Day for believers



**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**1 Corinthians 3:13** Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

## THREE PRINCIPLES

### Principle #2:

(C) Our works will result in either rewards or losses

### 1 Corinthians 3:14-15a

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### Principle #3: **Apostasy**

- = **blasphemy** of the Holy Spirit
- = to **reject God** intentionally, deliberately, rationally, explicitly, obviously, in your **sound mind**
- = up to your **last breath**
- = **fall away**
- = **lose your salvation**

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**Hebrews 10:26, 29**

**26** For if we **sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, **29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot**, **counted the blood** of the covenant by which he was sanctified **a common thing**, and **insulted the Spirit of grace**?



## 2 Peter 2:20-21

20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

J~Decision-ResponseToRev of God  
Same applies to Angels

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark, gnarled tree trunk stands on the left. The ground is a flat, sandy plain dotted with several smaller, dead, skeletal trees. In the background, rolling sand dunes rise against a pale, overcast sky. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of various shades of brown, tan, and grey.

This view is **consistent** with **Ezekiel 18**

**v4** Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the Father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

**v20** The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

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**v26** When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies.

**27** Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. **28** Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

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**v23** “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God, “and not that he should turn from his ways and live?”

**v32** “For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord God. “Therefore turn and live!”

**Warnings against Falling Away**

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**Luke 10:20** - rejoice our names **written in Heaven!**

**Revelation 3:5** - **blot out name** from Book of Life!  
(Exodus 32:32, Deuteronomy, Psalms)

**2 Peter 1:9** - barren, short-sighted, forgot that sins  
have been forgiven

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Sins,  
Disobedience,  
Unbelief

Hardness of Heart,  
Rejection of God,  
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1 Samuel 15:22-23 & 16:23

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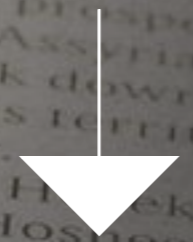
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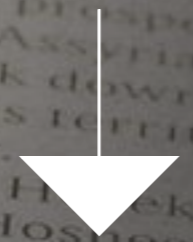
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Hebrews 6:19-20

**19 This hope we have** as an **anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast, and which **enters the Presence behind the veil**, **20** where the forerunner has entered for us, even **Jesus**, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



# BOTTOM-LINE

## Warnings Against Immaturity and Falling Away!

1 Samuel 15:22b-23a

22 ...“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

1 Samuel 16:23

Immaturity -FreshHungerThirst-God  
Fall-Spirituality+Community+Discipline