**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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**The Certainty of God's Promise**

**13**For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, **14**saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” **15**And thus Abraham,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%25206&version=ESV#fen-ESV-30043b)] having patiently waited, obtained the promise. **16**For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. **17**So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, **18**so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong

encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. **19**We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, **20**where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. ESV

**Footnotes**

1. [Hebrews 6:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%25206&version=ESV#en-ESV-30030) Or *baptisms* (that is, cleansing rites)
2. [Hebrews 6:15](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%25206&version=ESV#en-ESV-30043) Greek *he*

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**LESSON Hebrews 5:11-14 6:1-13**

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1. **In Hebrews 1 through 5 what does the author have much to say about?**
2. **Why is it hard to make what they have more to say about clear?**
3. **What should the believers be by this time?**

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1. **What is a teacher?**

**TEACHER, *noun* One who teaches or instructs.**

1. An instructor; a preceptor; a tutor; one whose business or occupation is to instruct others.

2. One who instructs others in religion; a preacher; a minister of the gospel.

The teachers in all the churches assembled themselves.

3. One who preaches without regular ordination**.** Websters 1828

1. **What should believers be capable of teaching?**

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1. **What do the believers need, if they’re not capable of teaching the mature truths God’s word?**

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1. **The author writes “you need \_\_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_”?**
2. **In verse 13 the author warns “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who lives on \_\_\_\_\_ is still an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**
3. **In verse 13 what is the “infant who lives on milk not acquainted with”?**

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1. **What is solid food for, in verse 14?**

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1. **Solid food is for the mature, who by \_\_\_\_\_\_ use have \_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves”.**

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1. **What does this training allow the believer to do for themselves?**

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1. **Why is it important to distinguish good from evil?**

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1. **The author uses therefore to establish what for the believer?**

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1. **Who are the elementary teachings about?**

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1. **What is doctrine?**

**DOCTRINE, *noun* [Latin , to teach.]**

**1. In a general sense, whatever is taught. Hence, a principle or position in any science; whatever is laid down as true by an instructor or master. The doctrines of the gospel are the principles or truths taught by Christ and his apostles. The doctrines of Plato are the principles which he taught. Hence a *doctrine* may be true or false; it may be a mere tenet or opinion.**

**2. The act of teaching.**

**He taught them many things by parables, & said to them in his *doctrine***[Mark 4:2](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Doctrine)**.**

**3. Learning; knowledge.**

**Whom shall he make to understand doctrine?**[Isaiah 28:9](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Doctrine)**.**

**4. The truths of the gospel in general.**

**That they may adorn the *doctrine* of God our Savior in all things.**[Titus 2:1](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Doctrine)**.**

**5. Instruction and confirmation in the truths of the gospel.**[2 Timothy 3:10](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Doctrine)**.**

1. **What are the believers doing when they move beyond the elementary teachings about Jesus Christ?**
2. **What is maturity?**

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**MATURE**, *adjective* [Latin maturus; meto.]

1. Ripe; perfected by time or natural growth; as a man of *mature* age. We apply it to a young man of *mature* age. We apply it to a young man who has arrived to the age when he is supposed to be competent to manage his own concerns; to a young woman who is fit to be married; and to elderly men who have much experience.

**2.** Brought to perfection; used of plants. The wheat is *mature*

**3.** Completed; prepared; ready. The plan or scheme was *mature*

**4.** Ripe; come to suppuration; as, the tumor is *mature*

**MATURE**, *verb transitive* [Latin maturo.] To ripen; to hasten to a perfect state; to promote ripeness.

* + - 1. To advance towards perfection.

**MATURE**, *verb intransitive* To advance toward ripeness; to become ripe or perfect. Wine matures by age, or by agitation in a long voyage. The judgment matures by age and experience.

1. **What is the elementary doctrine of Jesus Christ in verse 1?**

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1. **What is doctrine of repentance from dead works (sin)?**

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**Luke 5:31-32** And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

**Acts 33:18-20** But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. **19**Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, **20**that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

1. **What is the doctrine of faith towards God?**

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**Ephesians 2:8-10** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Hebrews 11:1-3** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

1. **What is the doctrine for instructions about washing?**

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**Mathew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Romans 6:2-4** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

1. **What is the doctrine of laying on of the hands?**

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**Num 8:9-11** And you shall bring the Levites before the tent of meeting and assemble the whole congregation of the people of Israel. **10**When you bring the Levites before the Lord, the people of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites, **11**and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord as a wave offering from the people of Israel, that they may do the service of the Lord.

**Num 27:18-21** So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. **19**Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight. **20**You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. **21**And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the Lord. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation.”

**Luke 4:38-39** And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law (Mary) was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. **39**And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

**Mark 16:17-18** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18**theywill take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

1. **What is the doctrine of resurrection from the dead?**

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**John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26**And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

**John 3:14-16** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15**that whoever believes in Him should [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john%25203:14-18&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26136a)]not perish but have eternal life. **16**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1. **What is the doctrine of eternal judgement?**

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**Acts 17:30-31** Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, **31**because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

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

**Questions, thoughts, comments?**