

# Hebrews 6:1-15

## Let Us Go on to Perfection

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Hebrews 5:8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected [complete in His mission], He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10 called by God as High Priest "**according to the order of Melchizedek**," 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.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become **partakers** of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

2 Cor 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what **fellowship** (Same Greek word as partakers in Heb 6:4) has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

<https://www.oregister.com/2015/09/23/rick-warren-to-speak-during-popes-visit-at-world-meeting-of-families/>

Warren, senior pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, was then expected to head to Philadelphia, where he will speak Friday morning, along with Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, during Pope Francis' World Meeting of Families.

"I'm not a Catholic, and we have many differences with Catholics, but they love the Lord and we have much in common with that; we believe in the Bible, and the Trinity, and in Jesus and the resurrection," Warren said when he announced the news to his congregation last month.

<https://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/new-booklet-tract-rick-warrens-dangerous-ecumenical-pathway-to-rome-and-how-one-interview-revealed-so-much/>

Well, the main thing is love always reaches people. Authenticity, humility. Pope Francis is the perfect example of this. *He is doing everything right.* You see, people will listen to what we say if they like what they see. And as *our new pope*, he was very, very symbolic in, you know, his first mass with people with AIDS, uh, his kissing of the deformed man, his loving the children. This authenticity, this humility, the caring for the poor, this is what the whole world expects us Christians to do. And when they go, oh, that's what a Christian does—In fact, there was a headline here in Orange County—*and I love the headline.* It said, if you love Pope Francis, you'll love Jesus. That was the headline! I showed it to a group of priests I was speaking to awhile back.<sup>10</sup> (emphasis added)

Hebrews 6:8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. 10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have **shown toward His name**, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become **sluggish**, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Heb 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye **are dull** of hearing.

Hebrews 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, **he obtained the promise**.

Gen 22:13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." 15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son — **17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants** as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

John 8:54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." 59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.