

Sermon Series: Jesus Is Better
Text: Hebrews 5:11-6:12
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A Gracious Warning

Big Idea: God graciously preserves His people with both promises and warnings.

God's warnings are meant to _____ where there is a problem. (Hebrews 5:11-6:3)

1. Failure to _____ spiritually is a problem. (5:12-13)
2. The failure to mature is rooted in a failure to _____. (5:11)
3. Spiritual maturity comes from _____ AND _____ God's Word. (5:14; Matthew 7:24-27)

God's warnings are meant to _____ us from danger. (6:4-8)

1. Who's the warning for? _____ (6:9)
2. What's the Warning Describing? _____. (6:4-8)
3. What's the warning designed to do? Protect _____ from _____.

"Apostasy is decisively turning away from the faith. An apostate is a person who once claimed to be a Christian but has irreversibly abandoned and renounced orthodox Christianity." -Andy Nasselli

God's warnings are meant to _____ us on the right path. (6:9-12)

1. Warnings should propel us onward in our _____ in Jesus.
2. Warnings should propel us onward in _____ that display our faith.

*"Every true believer produces fruit. There may not be all the fruit you want there to be, but there is fruit – some willingness to labor for God, some affection for his name, and some love for his people."
-Michael Kruger*

God brings His promises to fulfillment through warnings!

How do you use warnings with other people? Who do you warn the most? What types of warnings do you give? How does this help you understand why God warns us?

Why does it often feel like there is a tension between God's promises and God's warnings in the Bible? (Read for Example: Matthew 7:21-23 and compare it with John 6:37-40 and John 10:27-30). How did this message challenge or reaffirm how you understand and listen to the warnings in the Bible?

Read through Hebrews 5:11-6:12. What are the things that most stick out to as you read through it? What are the things that are confusing or that you have questions about?



As you look back over the past couple years, can you point to ways that you have grown spiritually? What are the types of markers that you use to identify spiritual growth and maturity?

What helps you to not just hear God's Word, but to also listen and obey his Word? What helps you to apply God's Word to your life? (Think specifically of sermons you listen to, personal reading of the Bible, etc.)

What is your own view on whether a person can lose their salvation or not? What passages in the Bible have led you to this view?

What should our response be when we know someone personally who professed to be a Christian who then walks away from the faith? Have you experienced this personally?

Explain in your own words the connection between faith in Jesus and fruit (good works). Why should faith in Jesus produce fruit? What is the type of fruit we should expect to see in our lives as Christians?

What should we do when we struggle with an assurance of our salvation personally? What should we do when others we know struggle with an assurance of salvation?

Should there ever be a time where you call into question someone else's profession of faith? What would lead you to do that?

Further Resources

- [Perseverance and Assurance – Thomas R. Shreiner](#)
- [Preservation and Perseverance – Luke Stamps](#)
- [Can a Christian Fall Away? How to Hear the Warnings in Hebrews – Jared Compton](#)
- [Even Believers Need to Be Warned – Scott Hubbard](#)