

Our Call to Spiritual Growth

The author of Hebrews lays out the problem in the 5th chapter.

Hebrews 5:7-14

In chapter six he urges his readers to advance toward a fuller knowledge.

Hebrews 6:1-3

Is your relationship with Jesus Christ based on a vibrant living relationship?

Or is it a shallow relationship?

A relationship leading to an unwillingness to receive the deeper message.

I. JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:47-51

Because He had been planted, cut down, ground up, and burned in the very fire of God's wrath,

We have the opportunity to eat of Him daily—

never tiring of Him, always receiving strength and sustenance.

Truly, Jesus is the Bread of Life. The analogy is perfect.

John 6:52-58

It is an absolute necessity to take this teaching of Jesus and apply it personally.

In other words, we must eat of His body and drink of His blood or we will not live.

Jesus is saying eat of Me, the Tree of Life.

Internalize Me.

Allow Me to come into the deepest recess of your being.

Allow Me to take control of your life.

I want to be the priority of your life.

Make it a necessity to eat of Me daily and consistently.

John 6:66-68

II. THE MAJORITY WILL REFUSE

A. Many have been led to become professed followers of Jesus,

- a. For some temporal benefit;
- b. during some emotional trauma;
- c. during some passing excitement.

When a perceived benefit is not received; or the excitement has left; they turn away.

B. Many will be offended by the doctrines of the Gospel.

The only way to understand the doctrines of the Bible is to:

1. Be a sincere follower of Christ.
2. Aim to do the will of God.

John 7:17

III. GOD'S CALL TO ACTION

2 Corinthians 13:5

We should honestly inquire whether we have made a profession of faith based on;

- a. The hope of some temporal benefit,
- b. The response to some emotional trauma, or
- c. Some passing excitement.

If we have it will profit us nothing!

GOD CALLS FOR EARNESTNESS!