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# THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

Hebrews 6:9-12  
Lesson #15  
The Full Gospel  
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## The majesty of Christ

# HEBREWS

6:9-12  
The Full Gospel

(What accompanies salvation?)

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Where do I find answers? - Google and God



200 pages that only a computer engineer (or grandchild) could understand.

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I think I should go back to what I had.

This is not working for me.



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### CONTEXT

**What is the point of 6:1-8?**  
*“falling away”*  
We can’t reap the fruit if we cut off the root.

**What is the point of 6:9-20?**  
*“diligence”*  
**Learning how to live under the New Covenant of the Word and Way of the Cross**

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*Hebrews 6*


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*1 Corinthians 15:19*  
 “If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”

*A common besetting sin*  
**Old Covenant expectations from a New Covenant OS.**  
*walking by sight not faith*



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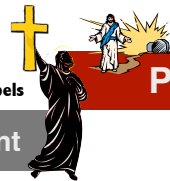
*Hebrews 6*  
 “things that accompany salvation,”

**New Covenant (new operating system)**

1. The indwelling Spirit - “Christ in us” a new way of seeing and responding to life.
2. Baptismal covenant - “in Christ” sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ.
3. The Body of Christ - we are “members of one another” as a community of ministry united in Spirit yet diverse in role.

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**Jesus promised the Apostles that the coming Holy Spirit would bring more revelation and understanding.**



Old Testament - Gospels **Paul's Gospel**  
 Old Covenant Acts - Epistles

*John 16:13*  
 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; . . . and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

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**The Apostles saw the coming of the Holy Spirit as the beginning of the Body of Christ, a new community.**

*Acts 11:15*  
 “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us **at the beginning.**”

*1 Corinthians 12*  
 “13 For by one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and **we were all made to drink of one Spirit.** 14 For the body is not one member, but many.”


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**Pentecost marked the coming of the Spirit but the Corinthian Christians were addressed as babes in Christ because they could not get passed signs and wonders.**

*1 Corinthians 2-3*  
 “14 But a **natural man** does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. . . . 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to **men of flesh, as to babes in Christ.** 2 I gave you **milk to drink, not solid food**; for you were not yet able to receive it. . . . 3 . . . For since there is jealousy and strife among you, . . . are you not walking like mere men? 4 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not mere men?”

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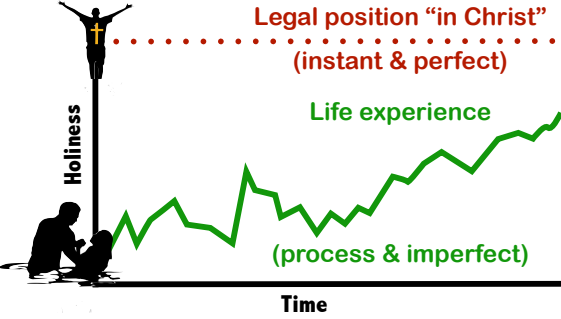
“We take a new convert and immediately make a worker out of him. God would first have us teach him how to worship so that his work would have God in it.”



A.W. Tozer

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Our legal standing before God is our **security** as we are declared righteous “in Christ”.



Legal position “in Christ”  
(instant & perfect)

Life experience  
(process & imperfect)

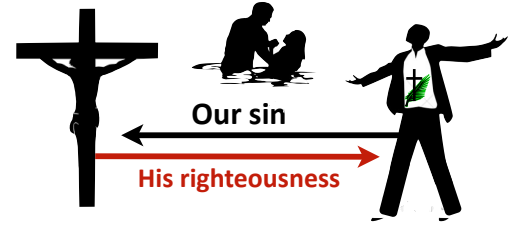
Holiness

Time

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**The great exchange**  
*2 Corinthians 5:21*

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



Our sin

His righteousness

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*Hebrews 6*

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1. The Way of the Cross **CENTERS on a loving ministry to one another (not world evangelism, miracles, personal comfort, social reform, etc.)**
2. Our witness to the world **is our relationship with one another.**

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*Ephesians 4:15*

“but **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,”

**L**istening to another’s story  
Disinterest

**O**verlooking another’s flaws  
Judgmentalism

**V**aluing another’s virtues  
Impugning motives

**E**mpathizing with another’s fears  
Disrespect

**A path to changing another person’s mind**

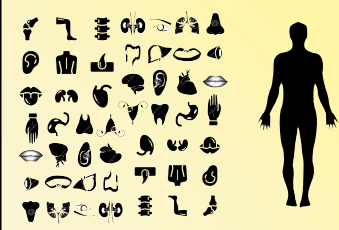
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**We are equipped to manage this life, BUT NOT ALONE.**

The church is **NOT the Body Parts of Christ.**

The church is the **Body of Christ but only when the pieces function as attached to one another and to the head as a community.**

The body is **greater than the sum of its parts.**





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“A team plays for the name on the front of the jersey not for the name on the back!”  
Dean Smith


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## The church in Corinth

<p>Not engaged in <b>Culture Wars</b></p> <p>(Fighting worldly values)</p> 	<p>Too engaged in <b>Civil Wars</b></p> <p>(Fighting Christian diversity)</p> 
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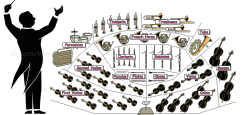
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## Christ is the fullness of God. The church is the Body of Christ.

 <p><b>Body / Head</b> (1 Corinthians 12:27)</p>	 <p><b>Building / Cornerstone</b> (1 Peter 2:4-7)</p>	 <p><b>Sheep / Shepherd</b> (John 10:11)</p>
 <p><b>Bride / Groom</b> (Ephesians 5:22-32)</p>	 <p><b>Branch / Vine</b> (John 15:1-16)</p>	

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### Diversity is vital to the Body of Christ.



**The key to community is not forced uniformity but wise orchestration of our unique differences.**

*1 Corinthians 12*

“18 But now **God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.** 19 . . . 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;”

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### Rules of engagement for Christians

1. If you are not a part of the problem or the solution back off.
2. Work and pray for that which will not perish - godly character and gracious community.
3. Take your baptism seriously knowing that God expects you to be dead to the flesh & world.
4. Fear not, love deeply, proceed wisely, and act in faith.
5. Greet all circumstances with gratitude as an opportunity to develop / demonstrate character.

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<b>W</b>		<b>L</b>
<b>Win</b>		<b>Lose</b>
<b>Worship</b>		<b>Learn</b>

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**Romans 12**  
**Paul's Great Commission**

*vs 14-21*

*vs 1a*

1. Grace of God deeply sensed

*vs 1b-2*

2. Cross of Christ willingly carried

*vs 3-5*

3. Body of Christ rightly discerned

*vs 9-13*

5. Love for the brethren openly shown

*vs 6-8*

4. Gifts of the Spirit properly used

6. Response to the world graciously given

**"light & salt"**

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love one another (John 13:35 - this command comes 16 times)  
be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)  
honour one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)  
live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)  
build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)  
be likeminded towards one another (Romans 15:5)  
accept one another (Romans 15:7)  
admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)  
care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)  
serve one another (Galatians 5:13)  
bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)  
forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)  
be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)  
be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)  
speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)  
submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)  
consider others better than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)  
look to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)  
bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)  
teach one another (Colossians 3:16)  
comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)  
encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13)  
stir up one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)  
show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)  
pray for one another (James 5:16)  
confess our faults to one another (James 5:16)  
employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)  
clothe yourselves with humility towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)

**The two greatest commands, on which, according to Jesus, all the others depend, are concerned with relationships, with God and His family of faith.**

(Matthew 22:36-40)

**Ministering with and to one another is not a distraction from the main thing, it is the main thing.**

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**We must NOT see ourselves as:**

- 1. Anointed to change our circumstances but rather responding to life in a godly way.**  
God seeks to change us more often than our circumstances.
- 2. Hopeless and homeless but as holy and heirs to God's kingdom.**  
As aliens to this world we find our hope in the resurrection of Christ's Spirit and 2nd coming.
- 3. Individuals at the center of God's plan but as a part of one Body "in Christ".**  
The church is not a spiritual country club but the incarnation of Christ's Spirit to our age.

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**Hebrews 6**

"12 that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**"

- 1. Don't give in to slothfulness - in the face of delayed experience of a promise.**
- 2. Abraham modeled for us - patience though waiting for what was promised.**

**(Next week we will look more closely at Abraham's model.)**

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**Hebrews**

Next week  
6:13-20

**Abraham's abiding faith**

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