

The ABC's About the Christ

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

Introduction:

A. The basics

1. Education of children
 - a. Start with the A_____
 - b. Build on the basics so can read and/or write words, sentences, paragraphs, and b_____.
2. Christianity
 - a. Started with the J_____ faith
 - 1) The immediate readers of Hebrews
 - a) Jewish people who believed that Jesus was the prophesied C_____
 - b) Their spiritual condition
 - i. Many were b_____ too long (5:12)
 - ii. The writer feared that they were stuck in Judaism and were not learning and practicing Jesus' t_____ (5:11)
 - 2) The Jewish faith was like the m_____ that babies drink.
 - b. The teachings of Jesus built on Judaism
 - 1) The metaphor is changed to a b_____ (6:1)
 - a) Every building has a f_____
 - b) You don't keep laying a foundation that has already been laid.
 - 2) The Hebrew writer urges the readers to move on from the elementary teaching about the C_____

B. What are the ABC's about the Christ in the Jewish faith? (6:1,2)

1. Repentance from dead works and faith toward God
2. Instructions about washings and laying on of hands
3. The resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment

Revelation – repentance from dead works and faith toward God

A. The Old Testament is a record of God r_____ Himself

1. God's plan was to use the nation of Israel to make Himself known to the w_____ (Ex 19:6)
2. God revealed Himself over t_____
 - a. Gen 1,2 – He is the c_____ of all things.
 - b. Gen 3-6 – He is a holy and just God and must p_____ sin.

- c. The Law of Moses – He is a merciful God willing to f_____ sins and the only God, which was the primary message of the Law and the Prophets (Is 45:20-22).
- B. The O.T. was the basics of God’s revelation that would point to Jesus as His f_____ revelation (Heb 1:1,2)
 - 1. This Jesus would be a prophet, priest, and k_____ (Heb 3)
 - 2. Moses commanded that the people l_____ to Him when He comes (Deut 18:18)
- C. What has been revealed?
 - 1. The O.T. – there is only one God (Is 45:22) and only one S_____ (Is 43:11). We are to w_____ Him.
 - 2. Jesus calls us to trust Him as our G_____ and Savior (Heb 1:8; Jn 1:1; Matt 1:21; Tit 2:13; 2Tim 1:10; Jn 20:28,29; Jn 8:58).
 - 3. We are to w_____ Him (Heb 1:6; Jn 9:38; Matt 4:10; 28:9).
- D. So the writer wants his readers to leave the O.T. revelation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God (the foundation) and cling to God’s f_____ revelation in Jesus Christ, repenting from sin and trusting Him as our God and Savior.

Rededication – instructions about washings and laying on of hands

- A. Washings (NIV and KJV – baptisms)
 - 1. This is not referring to C_____ baptism
 - 2. This is referring to the various washings or cleansing rituals that the L_____ of Moses commanded to practice.
- B. The high priest (Lev 16:4, 21, 24, 26)
 - 1. Before making the annual sacrifice (which was for unconfessed sin of the people) – had to b_____ their body in water and then put on the priestly garments.
 - 2. While making the sacrifice – had to lay their h_____ on the goat and confess the sins of the people.
 - 3. After making the sacrifice – had to bathe their body and priestly garments since they touched the goat that bore the s_____ of the people.
- C. The people (Lev 3:7,8)
 - 1. Had to bring an animal sacrifice to the priests and confess their sins.
 - 2. Had to lay their hands on the a_____
 - 3. Sacrifice was a s_____ of rededication to the Lord.
- D. Jesus’ sacrifice
 - 1. Pays for all our p_____ sins as soon as we trust Him to be our God and Savior

2. Pays for all our f_____ sins as they arise (1Jn 1:9)
 - a. Confess literally means to speak the same
 - 1) We are to view our sin as God does (He hates it and wants it out of our lives)
 - 2) We are to r_____ of that sin and start over (rededication)
 - b. When Christians sin
 - 1) They do not lose their s_____
 - 2) They lose their f_____ with God and Jesus works to restore it by disciplining us (Rev 3:19)

Resurrection – resurrection from the dead and eternal judgment

A. The Old Testament teachings

1. King David believed that when people died, their s_____ lived on (2Sam 12:23)
2. Job believed that after death, his b_____ would be restored (Job 19:25,26)
3. God revealed to Daniel that all the dead will be resurrected
 - a. Some to everlasting l_____
 - b. Others to everlasting j_____

B. The teachings of Jesus

1. Jn 5:28,29 – the resurrection to eternal life and eternal judgment are b_____ resurrections
2. The first resurrection is of believers
 - a. It occurs at Christ's second c_____ (1Thess 4:14-17)
 - b. Each one is given an immortal b_____ (1Cor 15:50-55)
3. The second resurrection is of unbelievers
 - a. It occurs at the end of Jesus' _____ year reign on earth (Rev 20:5)
 - b. Each one is brought before God's throne and judged according to their d_____ (Rev 20:11-15)
 - 1) There will be varying d_____ of punishment (Lk 12:47,48; Matt 18:6,7; 2Pet 2:21).
 - 2) But the destination is the same for all unbelievers – the Lake of F_____ (Rev 20:14,15).

Conclusion – we are not to stay in the Old Testament but see Jesus as the fulfillment of it. The O.T. is the foundation. The New Testament (Jesus' teachings) is the final revelation of God to us. Trust Him as your God and Savior. Listen to His teachings and practice them.