

**Sermon Notes**  
**Week of February 1, 2009**  
**“Passing the Great Truths of the Faith Along to Others”**  
**Hebrews**

THEME & MESSAGE OF HEBREWS:

The superiority of the \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Old or \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

In Hebrews, the Holy Spirit is contrasting the \_\_\_\_\_ Jew in Judaism and the \_\_\_\_\_ Jew in Christianity.

Substance vs. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ vs. Reality  
Visible vs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile vs. Real Thing

Five warnings in Hebrews:

1. 2:1-4 neglecting the gospel
2. 3:7-19 hardening their hearts to the gospel
3. 5:11-14 \_\_\_\_\_ elemental truths  
– immaturity
4. 10:26-31 deliberately continuing in sin
5. 12:25-29 failing to act on the truth they had

Dullness of hearing or spiritual lethargy is a \_\_\_\_\_ mark of \_\_\_\_\_.

When we do not trust and act on any part of God’s truth we know, we become hardened to it.

They **had** the \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_ did not **have** them!

How do Christians train themselves to be able to understand the teaching about righteousness?

- (1) Begin with \_\_\_\_\_ you already know but have not been obeying.
- (2) Review the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for help from on high to obey His Word. (He. 2:18; 4:14-16; II Ti. 2:7)
- (3) Claim those \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ whatever you need to do
  - b. Count on God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to see you through the consequences.
- (4) Follow this \_\_\_\_\_ whenever you become aware of areas of your life and thinking that need to be changed.

**CONCLUSION:**

The person who feeds only on God’s elementary revelations is not going to grow and have discernment.

A small child sticks anything into his mouth.

A mature adult has developed discernment. He is careful about what he \_\_\_\_\_, where he \_\_\_\_\_, and what he \_\_\_\_\_.

The mature believer has discernment about:

- What is right and wrong
- What is true and false
- What is helpful and harmful
- What is righteous and unrighteous

OUR CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES (30)  
BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

5. Identity in Christ: the belief that a person is significant because of his or her position as a child of God (John 1:12-13)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

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- (3) Claim those PROMISES for yourself.
  - a. DO whatever you need to do
  - b. Count on God’s GRACE to see you through the consequences.
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