

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — October 22, 2023

Sermon Notes

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Old Testament Reading: [Psalm 99](#) ; New Testament Reading: [John 10:22-30](#)

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Why is the Holy Spirit, via the author, comparing the (local?) church to babies?

A mature, versus an immature, Christian should be able to distinguish what?

The author reminds them of basic Christianity (theology). What are the basics enumerated for here? ([Hebrews 6:1-2](#))

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What five things are listed that will be experienced by those that are living a life devoted to Christ? ([Hebrews 6:4-5](#))

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What serious act has a person in effect done who has “fallen away?”

[Hebrews 6:7-8](#) uses an agricultural metaphor to describe the life of one that has truly fallen away from the faith. Can you relate this metaphor to one Jesus used? ([John 15:1-17](#))

There are five views as to whom the author is referring in these passages:

1. Falling away of sincere believers
2. Hypothetical situation—“if it were possible” ([John 10:27-29](#))
3. Falling away of insecure believers
4. Discipline upon lethargic believers
5. Specific apostasy: Relapse to Judaism.

To your understanding, which of these views is being addressed in Hebrews 6? ([Hebrews 6:9](#))

Faith should always be growing ... so keep moving forward in it.

If you have shown love and good works to His people, what is God’s character and promise to us, especially as we persevere in these works to the end? ([Hebrews 6:10](#))

What is the blessed hope to which the author refers in [Hebrews 6:11](#)?

God made a promise to Abraham, and now also to us. Did He keep his promise to Abraham?

Our hope keeps us from drifting away; so keep looking upward and keep moving forward.

Additional Notes:

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