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**1** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

**2** of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

**3** And this we will do, if God permits.

**4** For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

**5** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

**6** and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

**7** For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;

**8** but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

1. ***“Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity”***

 “Let us press on to maturity” should be the main personal **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of every believer in Christ. **Proverbs 4:18; Matthew 5:48; Philippians 3:12-14.**

2. ***“Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity”***

Growing and maturing into the image and character of Jesus only

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to those who **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** at it. **Philippians 3:12-14; Deuteronomy 4:9; Joshua 23:11; Proverbs 4:23.**

3. ***“Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works”***

A key requirement to grow is to receive **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** beyond the

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, simple, foundational doctrines that the writer calls

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and move on to solid food, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. **Hebrews 5:12-13; Colossians 1:28.**

4. ***“and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance”***

There is a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from God against those who have

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** away to a point that they no **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** can grow.

5. ***“they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.”***

We often think of God as being above **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, but **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

we live our life as children of God has a great **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on God as our Father.

6***. “For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God”***

“The rain” is probably the various **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 that God sovereignly causes to make us **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for Him. **John 15:1-8.**

7***. “For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God”***

*“Vegetation”* would probably be those **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 that have been developed in us for the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of others. **1 Peter 5:10.**

8. ***“For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God”***

God *“tills”* us so that we can **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for Him. Being

 *tilled* probably refers to God taking us through various **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

to develop our character and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

9. ***“For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God”***

“*Blessing from God*” sounds very **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and probably can be any number

of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** things that come into our life as a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

10. ***“but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned”***

God sovereignly works in us so that we will **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** much **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

for Him, but we have the choice, and we can produce **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** instead.

11. ***“but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned”***

“*Worthless*”, good for **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**; I think we can

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that in our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

12. ***“but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned”***

“*Being burned*” is probably a reference to the “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**”, and our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** being burned up. **1 Corinthians 3:13-15.**