

ENCOURAGEMENT TOWARD SPIRITUAL MATURITY  
(Hebrews 6:1-3)

- I. The TRANSITION (Heb. 6:1*a*)
  - A. Starts with LEAVING the ELEMENTARY teaching of CHRIST
    - 1. Possibly to ABANDON incomplete OT teaching about MESSIAH
    - 2. Probably to not be SATISFIED with just the FOUNDATIONAL truths of CHRIST
  - B. Results in MOVING ON to MATURITY
    - 1. Possibly to come to GENUINE SALVATION
    - 2. Probably to ADVANCE from INFANCY to FULL GROWTH
  
- II. The FOUNDATION (Heb. 6:1*b*)
  - A. Includes REPENTANCE from DEAD WORKS
    - 1. May mean “EVIL deeds that result in DAMNATION”
    - 2. Probably means “LEGALISTIC works that CANNOT SAVE”
  - B. Includes FAITH toward GOD
    - 1. May mean the OT BELIEF in GOD

2. Probably means BELIEVING in Jesus IS faith toward GOD

III. The INSTRUCTION (Heb. 6:2)

A. About "WASHINGS"

1. Familiar with CEREMONIAL CLEANSINGS of OT Judaism and contemporary paganism
2. Distinct from the Christian practice of BAPTISM to identify with CHRIST

B. About "LAYING ON OF HANDS"

C. About "the RESURRECTION of the DEAD"

D. About "ETERNAL JUDGMENT"

IV. The DETERMINATION (Heb. 6:3)

A. MUST be done

B. Will REQUIRE God's INVOLVEMENT