Hebrews 5 - Bottle-fed or Steak & Veggies?

Sunday 2 April 2017
Speaker – Pastor Marshall Muller
Why was Hebrews written?

To show that Jesus is much more superior than angels, Moses or Judaism (Law)

To explain that Judaism was good, but Jesus is better!
How did you go with your Homework for this week?

Read Hebrews 5
LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
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- Jesus has a better position;
- Jesus is a better priest;
- The New Priesthood is based on a better covenant;
- The New Priesthood functions in a better sanctuary;
- The New Priesthood is based on a better sacrifice.
Therefore, in light of the fact that the readers have a High Priest in 3rd Heaven, who has suffered temptation and is our sympathetic High Priest, they need to use Him!!!!
JESUS CHRIST
OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

JESUS IS A BETTER PRIEST
4 requirements for Priesthood (v1-4)

- A priest must be human;
- A priest must function in an order that offers gifts/sacrifices for sin;
- A priest must be compassionate & sympathetic;
- A priest must be appointed by God (a divine calling)
Jesus fulfills all 4 of these requirements as our Great High Priest
• God appointed Him to the office of priest;
• Jesus was human;
• Jesus was compassionate;
• Jesus functions in a priestly order – the order of Melchizedek (both priest & king)
Give a man a fish ... and he will not be hungry for a day.

Teach a man to fish ... and he can feed his village.

Teach a man about God who made the fish and he need never be hungry (spiritually) again.
Warning about STAGNATION (v11-14)
EVERY believer should become a teacher
Are you a **HOT** Christian?

**Hearing, Obeying & Telling**
Baby Christians?
Baby Christians ... are supposed to grow up

They are supposed to become mature
Maturity = solid food

Digging deeper into the solid food of God’s Word
Application (v11-14)

- Are you growing in Christ as much as you would like?
- Do you sometimes get stuck at a certain spiritual level?
- What are some of the reasons we don’t grow in Christ?
- How can you begin to take solid food instead of milk?
Signs of an Immature Christian
Am I an immature Christian?

- Impatient
- Self-centred (my way or the highway!)
- Pride in Bible knowledge
- Truth without Grace
- Grace without Truth
- Easily misled
- Telling people you are mature
- Defined by what they cannot do
- Explosive – go off at anything!
- Irresponsible
“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

2 PETER 3:18
GROWTH?

What does a spiritually mature believer look like?
Spiritual maturity is achieved through becoming more like Jesus Christ. After salvation, every Christian begins the process of spiritual growth, with the intent to become spiritually mature.
Spiritual maturity isn’t measured by how high you jump in praise but how straight you walk in obedience.

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BAGGAGE SKIT
Homework for next week

Read Hebrews 6 (& beyond)
Hebrews 6 - Warnings & Promises

Hebrews IN CHRIST ALONE

Next Sunday
9 April 2017
Let’s Pray ...

Going on to Spiritual Maturity