

Discover the New Testament – Hebrews 3

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Hebrews 4:1-2 – ¹ Therefore, since the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ² For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not **combine or mix it with faith**.

The gospel must be “mixed with faith” in order for it to profit.

Hebrews 4:9-16 – ⁹ There remains, then, **a rest for the people of God**; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also **rests from his own work**, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort and labor to **enter that rest**, so that no one will fall by following their example (children of Israel in the wilderness) of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a **great high priest** who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly or fast to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace **with confidence**, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need**.

Hebrews 5:11-14 – ¹¹ We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6:1-2 – ¹ Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ² instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:9-20 – ⁹ Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. ¹⁰ God is not unjust; He will

not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. ¹¹ We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. ¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to **imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.** ¹³ When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, He swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." ¹⁵ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. ¹⁶ Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.

¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, He confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things (His Oath and Promise) in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.