

“By Then You Should Know...”

*Attaining Spiritual Maturity
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Scripture: Hebrews 5.11 – 14

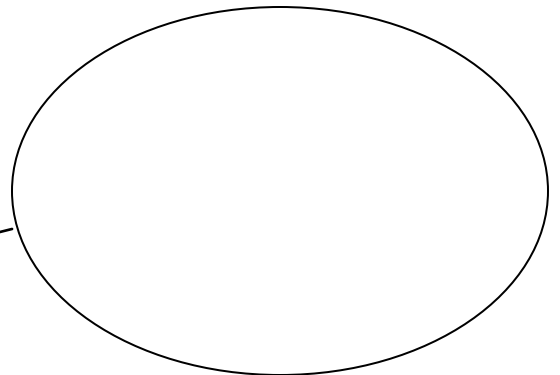
1. What is hard to explain to the readers of Hebrews?
2. Why is this topic (Question #1) hard to explain to the readers
3. Why have the people not grown spiritually?

Do Christians Grow Today?

- Are Christians more knowledgeable today than 20 years ago?
- What are the influences behind your previous answer?
- How can Christians continue to grow (or begin to grow) spiritually?

What should Christians know...

- ...by the time they leave elementary school?
- ...by the time they leave middle school?
- ...by the time they leave high school?
- ...by the time they leave college?



Back to Hebrews:

1. What are/is the “elementary principles” or the “elementary doctrine of Christ” the Hebrews writer mentions?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____

2. Do we consider those to be elementary principles of the teachings of Christ?
 - a. Why?
 - b. Or why not?

Various Passages on Spiritual Maturity	
• 1 Corinthians 3.1-2	• Ephesians 4.14
• 1 Corinthians 13.11-13	• Hebrews 5.11-14
• 1 Corinthians 14.20	• 1 Peter 2.2-3

One Way to Grow:

- (1) What did you put into the lessons?
- Did you prepare your mind before Sunday?
 - Did you open your mind to the message or be as a Pharisee (Matthew 15.1-9) or a mocker (Acts 17.32)?
 - Did you open your Bible and follow along or sit and gloat?
 - Did you take notes on the message to review later?
 - Did you bring a proper attitude to worship?
 - Just another thought: The old saying rings true, “you get out of something what you put into it.”