

## Hebrews: The Incomparable Christ



"Church is the textured context in which we grow up in Christ to maturity."

- Eugene Peterson



1. A warning about dullness of hearing

"The pastor who wrote the sermon we call Hebrews recognized that there was a very close relationship between listening to God's voice and obedience to God. In Greek, as in Hebrew, the verb 'to obey' is simply an intensified form of the verb 'to hear'.... Everyday language carried the insight that obedience begins with a careful listening to the voice of the one speaking."

- William L. Lane

"Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual progress. The contented soul is the stagnant soul."

-A.W.Tozer
The Root of the Righteous

2. The evidence of ineffectiveness in ministry

"Not everyone who grows old, grows up. There is a difference between age and maturity. Just because a person has been saved for ten or twenty years does not guarantee that he is mature in the Lord."

- Warren Wiersbe

3. A strategy for maturity in faith

"Putting on the new person, growing in grace, is something we must do. Appropriate action is the key. True, as Jesus said, 'Without me you can do nothing.' But it is also true that if we do nothing it will be without him."

- Dallas Willard

"Spiritual maturity comes neither from isolated events nor from a great spiritual burst. It comes from a steady application of spiritual discipline."

- Donald Guthrie

# "We have stayed long enough by the shore; let us now hoist our sails and launch into the deep."

- John Owen