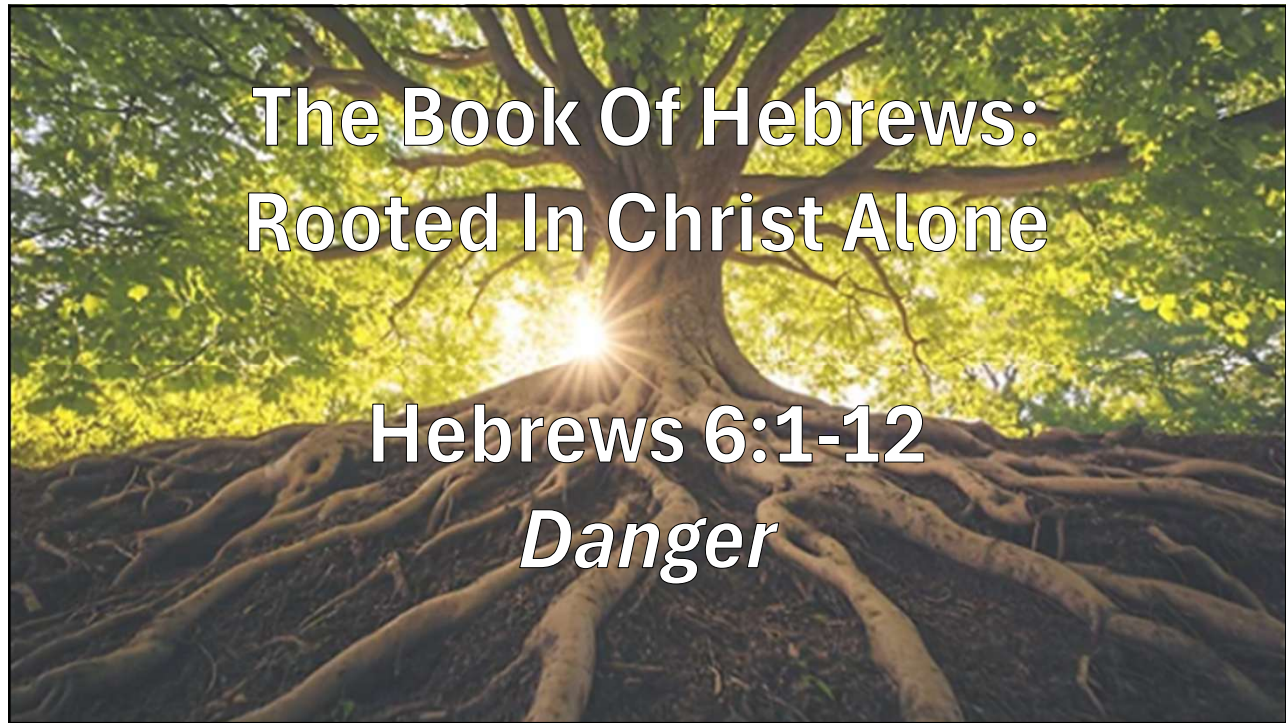


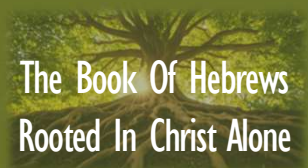


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Ephesians	IS THERE A DANGER FOR SOMEONE TO PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH TOO MUCH? - YES - The Book Of Hebrews Rooted In Christ Alone
Philippians	
Colossians	
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Hebrews 6:1–12

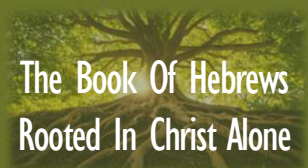


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ABANDON vs. 1-3

Essential To Grow In Your Faith

- Desire milk first, but grow to crave more
- Avoid becoming a dull hearer
- Be skilled in the Word
- Constant practice



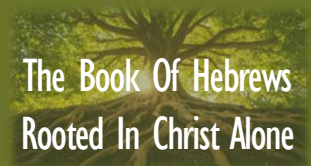
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ABANDON vs. 1-3

Essential To Grow In Your Faith

Leave Elementary Doctrine

- Basic foundation of Christianity
 - Repentance from dead works – sin
 - Faith towards God – James 2:19
 - Instructions on cleansing
 - Laying on hands
 - Resurrection of the dead
 - Eternal judgment



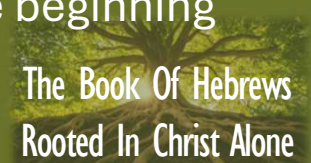
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ABANDON vs. 1-3

Essential To Grow In Your Faith

Leave Elementary Doctrine

- Basic foundation of Christianity
- Moving past the Old Covenant and faith in the coming Messiah
- Establish faith in the New Covenant through faith and repentance in Messiah
- The roots of Judaism in Christianity is the beginning point, faith in Jesus is required



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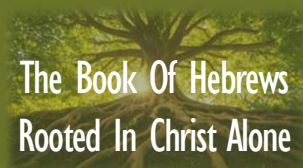
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Remembering The Audience

- First Century Jews that were engaging with the New Testament church
- Participation in church does not mean automatic salvation
- Discussing the gospel not bring decision

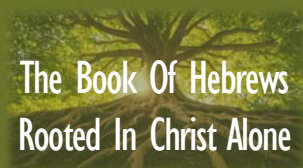


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APOSTASY vs. 4-8

Willing Participate Without Full Confession

- Dull hearers going through the motions of church
- Ignoring the Holy Spirit's conviction because of their dull hearing
- Enjoyed God's presence in worship, but not God's presence in life
- Experienced God's blessing through church, but never God's blessing of eternal life

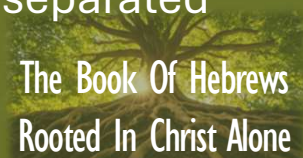


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APOSTASY vs. 4-8

Willing Participate Without Full Confession
The Wilderness – The Church

- All the Israelites that followed Moses experienced:
 - Powerful miracles
 - Moses's worship on the mountain
 - Fed and watered for forty years
 - Won battles
 - Never committed to God's plan... died separated



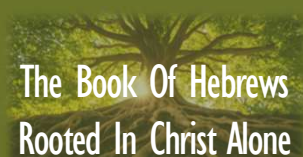
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APOSTASY vs. 4-8

Willing Participate Without Full Confession
The Wilderness – The Church

- All the Israelites that followed Moses experienced:
- Participates in church
 - Sing the same songs
 - Hear the same teachings
 - Serve the same people
 - Get wet in the same water
 - Eat the same bread
 - Teach from the same Bible
 - But... Never Commit To Christ



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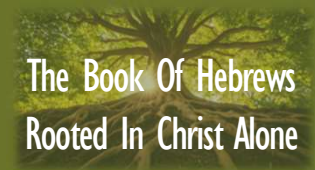
APOSTASY vs. 4-8

Willing Participate Without Full Confession

The Wilderness – The Church

Tasted But Rejected

- The gospel never took root
- Christ teachings:
 - Parable of the Sower and soil –
Luke 8:9-15; Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:10-20



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Luke 8:11–15

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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Four Soils/ Hearts

Snatched	Hear	Never Believe
Rocky	Hear/ Head Knowledge	Never Believe/ No Root
Thorny	Hear/ Believe/	Never Mature/ Distracted
Good	Hear/ Believe	Mature/ Bears Fruit

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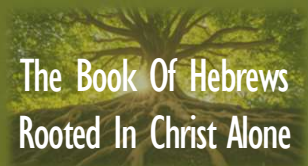
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 - Sermon on the Mount –
Matthew 7:21-23



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Matthew 7:21–23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

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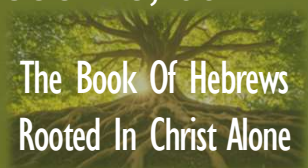
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- Eternal life has no end

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life;
whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but
the wrath of God remains on him.



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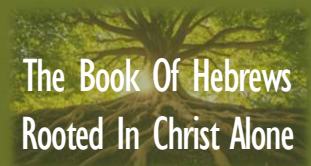
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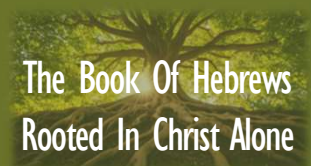
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- Adopted and given the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:14–17



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Romans 8:14–17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



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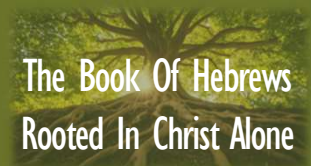
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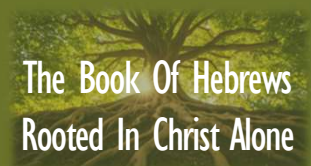
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- Cannot be removed - John 10:27–30



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John 10:27–30

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”



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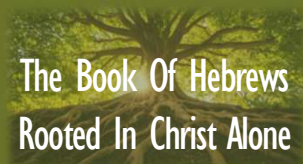
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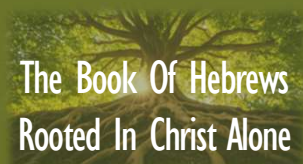
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- Started and will complete - Philippians 1:6–7



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Philippians 1:6–7

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

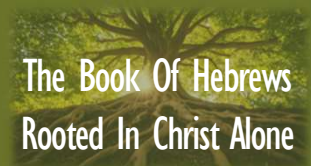


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APPLICATION vs. 9-12

Head To Heart To Action

- Assurance of believers in the church
 - Some participating in church are not believers
 - Some are believers

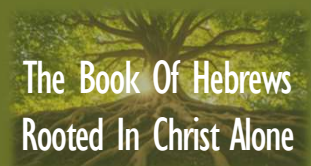


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APPLICATION vs. 9-12

Head To Heart To Action

- Assurance of believers in the church
- God knows the heart
 - God will not overlook the endurance of the saints
 - God will not overlook love for others – compassion
 - Heart... words... deeds... all match



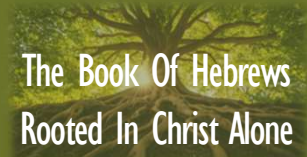
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Continue... Grow... Demonstrate

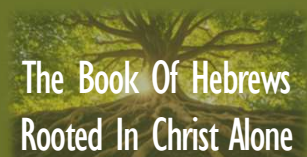
- Stay rooted in faith
- Steadfast compassion for other in the church
- To the end... reminder the end is coming and “today” will end
- Live with zeal not sluggish
- Imitators – watch and learn and apply as others have done, growing in their walk with God
- Faith and patience will be rewarded



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SATURATED BUT NOT ROOTED
ROOTED BUT NOT GROWING
ROOTED AND FRUITFUL



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