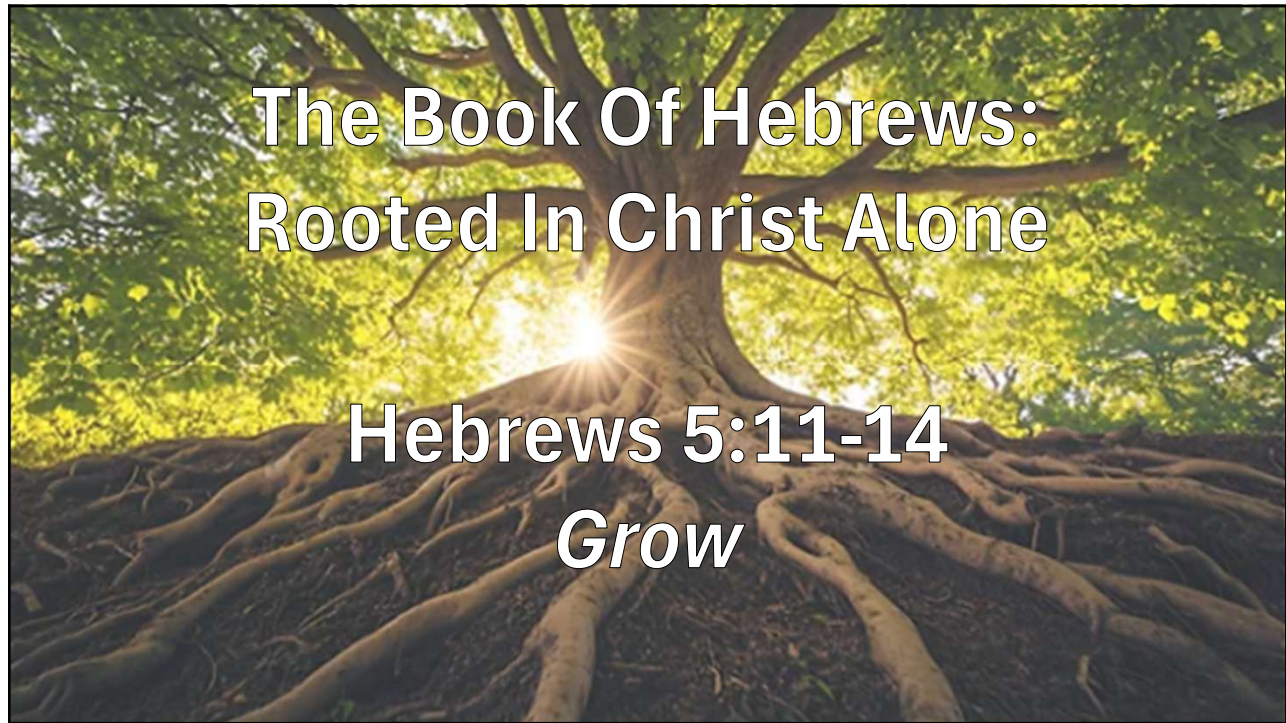
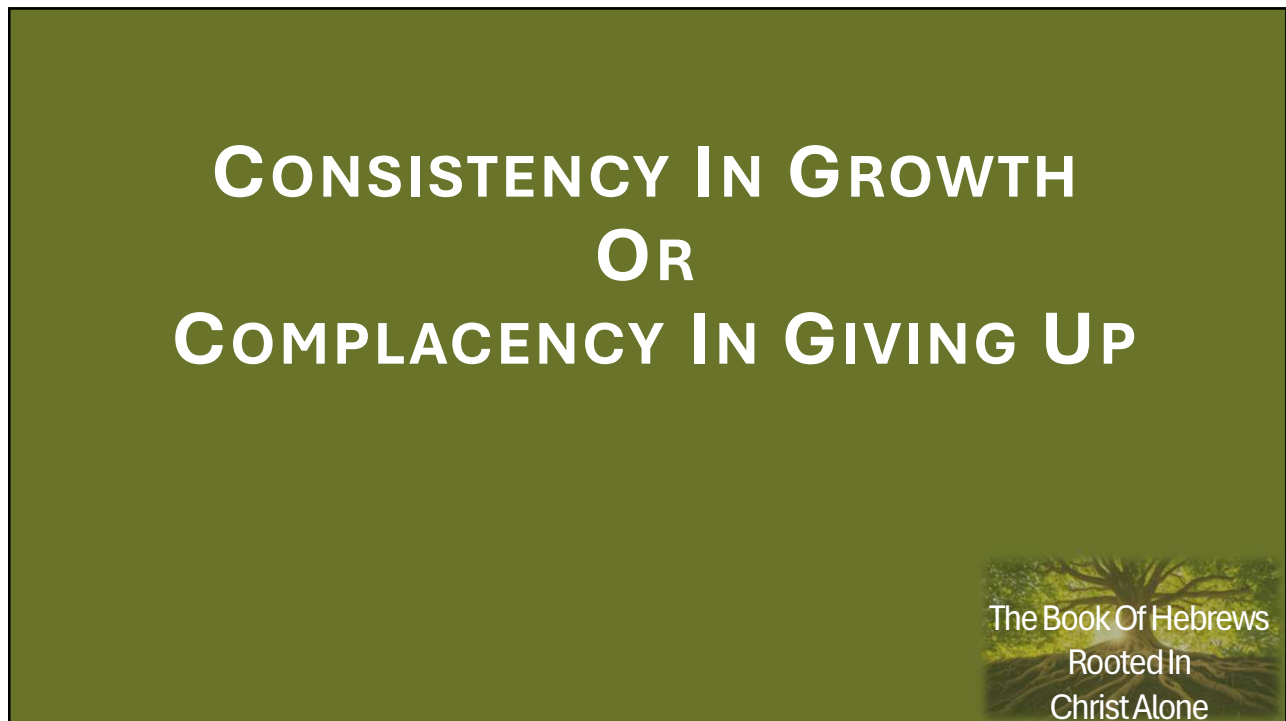




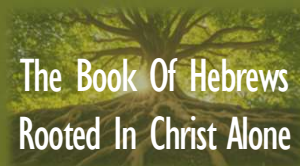
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Hebrews 5:11-14

About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

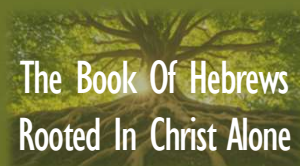


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WARNING vs. 11

Compassionate Desire

- Compassion – meeting someone where they are at with God's love
- Rooted in the Old Testament
- Made alive with Jesus
- Historical testimonies remembered
- Stopping at the facts



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WARNING vs. 11

Compassionate Desire

Neverending Depths

- Context – dismayed believers wandering back to Judaism as means of salvation and relationship with God
- Pressure and persecution stopped growth
 - Remember the Israelites during the exodus
- Desire to explain more about Jesus our High Priest



The Book Of Hebrews
Rooted In Christ Alone

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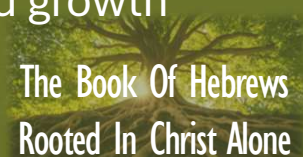
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Compassionate Desire

Neverending Depths

Stearn Warning

- Testimonies from the past to demonstrate the faithful promises of God
- Testimonies from those who refused to believe and follow
- The importance of faith, dependency, and growth



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WARNING vs. 11

Compassionate Desire

Neverending Depths

Stearn Warning

From Challenged To Discouraged

- Dull – sluggish, not engaging; lacking sincere desire to learn, apply, and grow
- Basic believes
 - The sufficiency of Christ for salvation and faith
 - The superior new covenant through Christ



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WARNING vs. 11

Compassionate Desire

Neverending Depths

Stearn Warning

From Challenged To Discouraged

Evidence Of Dullness To God

- Gradually decreasing time with God
- Joyless life because the work of the Holy Spirit is stifled
- Ineffective ministry and service because spiritual gifts are neglected

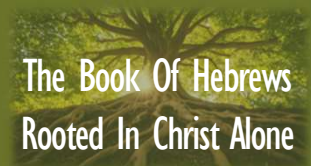


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WANDERER vs. 12-13

Growth Expected

- Necessary for discipleship
 - Investing in others for the purpose of the gospel
 - Multiplying through discipleship

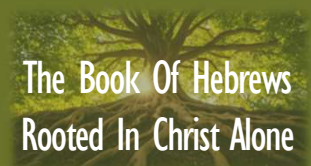


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WANDERER vs. 12-13

Growth Expected

- Necessary for discipleship
- Necessary for teaching
 - Explaining biblical truths
 - Not necessarily in a formal classroom

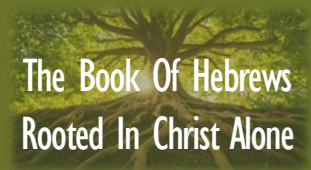


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Growth Expected

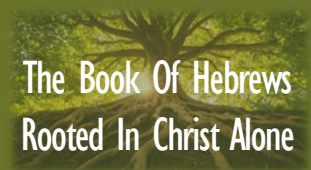
- Necessary for discipleship
- Necessary for teaching
- Necessary to grasp the foundation of faith
 - Repeating the same basic principles of the faith needed
- Oracles – the historical journey of God's plan



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1 Peter 2:1–3

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.



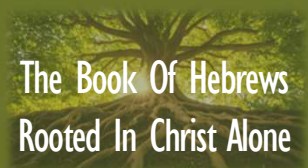
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WANDERER vs. 12-13

Growth Expected

Diet Change

- Natural process of infancy is milk
- Dependency on being fed
 - Healthy food
 - Safe amounts
 - Constant frequency



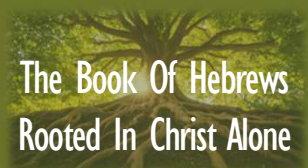
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WANDERER vs. 12-13

Growth Expected

Diet Change

- Natural process of infancy is milk
- Dependency on being fed
- As a baby grows, so should a new Christian
 - Consistency changes
 - Variety changes
 - Dependency on being fed changes



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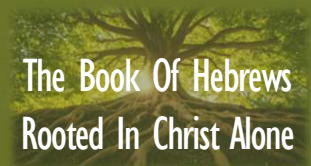
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Growth Expected

Diet Change

Undernourished Believer

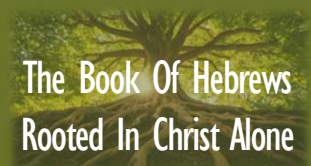
- Unable and unwilling to move forward in spiritual growth
- Unskilled in the word of righteousness
- Unable to distinguish good from evil
 - Ignorant of the word
 - Unwilling to apply the word



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1 Corinthians 3:1–3

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

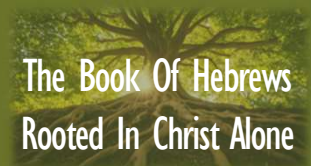


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WALKING vs. 14

Solid Food

- Spiritual realities beyond the means of salvation
- Deeping passion for the Word of God
- Broader understanding for the Word of God



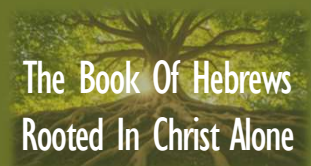
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WALKING vs. 14

Solid Food

Signs Of Maturing Faith

- Ability to teach
 - Share faith in Christ
 - Share the milk with explanation
 - Skill in the Word



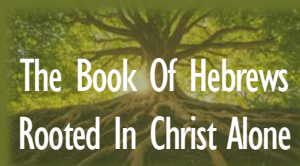
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Solid Food

Signs Of Maturing Faith

- Ability to teach
- Applied righteousness
 - Living out Christ – discipleship
 - Not continually following the flesh
 - Read, study, and understand the Word



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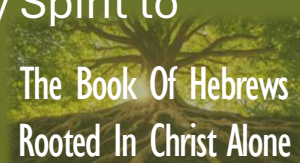
WALKING vs. 14

Solid Food

Signs Of Maturing Faith

Empowered To Walk

- Deepening desire to walk with the Holy Spirit
- Spiritual growth is not self manufactured
- Spiritual growth is Spirit driven as we deeply desire growth
- The Word of God being taught by the Holy Spirit to the Child of God



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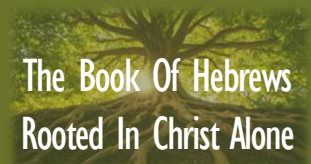
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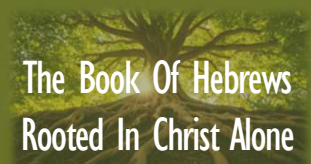
Exercising Walk

- Forward movement that takes effort
- Constant practice
- Know good from evil
 - Recognize and follow God's plan
 - Recognize and rejected Satan's plan



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WHAT IS YOUR DIET AND EXERCISE PLAN?



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