

Hebrews 6

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I. Introduction.

A. In many ways the Christian life is a paradox: God is the one who gives us salvation, but we are to work out our salvation. (Philippians 2)

B. The outgrowth of the kingdom depends on us even though it all depends on us. The key to this tension is faith. (2 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 11:3)

II. Real faith is accompanied by obedience. (James 2; Romans 9)

III. We have to deal with the self-life with our choices by faith day by day. (Romans 8; Luke 9:23; 2 Corinthians 4:10)

IV. There must be plowing in our lives to receive the blessings of God. (Psalm 51:16-17)

V. How to receive the blessing of God.

A. Recognize that we have thorns in our lives. We need plowing.

B. Recognize that we have a responsibility to know Jesus through the Word and Bible study. (Hebrews 2:2)

C. Take caution against the cares of this world. (Mark 4:19)

D. Begin to love because real love is free of self-interest. (1 Corinthians 16:7, 9)

E. Allow the Word to plow you. (Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 36:9)

F. Believe God is in control. Allow him to plow you. (Romans 8:28)

VI. In order for God to plow you...

A. Admit you have a problem.

B. Ask God to express his heart through you.

C. Expose yourself to the deep plows of the Word of God.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be “plowed” by God?

2. What is your plan for allowing the Word to plow you?

3. Why does love play such an important role in this process? Explain.
