

## **A Warning Against Dull Ears: Verse 5:11**

**Proverbs 28:9** If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

## **The Dangers of Spiritual Infancy: Verses 12 - 15**

**James 3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2 – 3**

**2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—

**3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

### **Ephesians 4:13 – 14**

**13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

**14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

## **Let's Leave the Elementary Doctrine of Christ: Verses 6:1 - 2**

### **Foundational Doctrines for a Converted Jew:**

- **Repentance:**

**Act 2:38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **Washings:**

### **Mark 7:1 - 5**

**1** Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,

**2** they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

**3** (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders,

**4** and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)

**5** And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

### **Hebrews 9:9 - 10**

**9** (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,

**10** but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

## The Maturing and the Regressing

- The laying on of hands:

### **Acts 8:17 - 19**

**17** Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**18** Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

**19** saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

- The Resurrection of the Dead and Eternal Judgement

### **Acts 17:30 – 31**

**30** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

**31** because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

## Impossible Repentance: Verses 3 - 8

### **John 10:27 – 28**

**27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

### **Act 2:36 – 38**

**36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

**37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

**38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### **Galatians 2:18 - 21**

**18** For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

**19** For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

**20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**21** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

## But Better Things for You: Verses 9 – 12

Sluggish (*nōthros*): slow, sluggish, indolent, dull, languid

- The only other usage in the NT was "dull" referring to the ears in **Hebrews 5:11**