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**Maturation – Christian Biblical Worldview**  
**Lesson 2**

**Hebrews 6:9-12**

The writer could not determine who was really saved and who wasn't. Verses 1-8 is clearly a warning to the church to those that were saved, in the words of Eugene Peterson to "*To leave the preschool finger-painting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ.*" This writer/pastor/preacher is saying in my translation: "*Let's not act like little children in a nursery care pouting when things do not go your way and whining to get every ones attention.*" 'He is saying, "*Grow up already! We should be doing bigger things for Christ by now. We should be well beyond Discipleship 101. Those are just the basics of faith. Let's mature in the faith and carry out the Work of the Lord.*" He was giving the warning not because they applied to everyone but he knew that there were some that it did. For those that were in Christ he gave three things to encourage them.

- **There Are Better Things In Store:** In Verse 9 the preacher is saying, "I JUST WANT SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU CONCERNING SALVATION NOT JUST REVELATION." He does not want the

reader to think he had given up on them after he gave the warnings in the first 8 verses. He has an expression of hope for them that better things will come with salvation. The better things are maturity and strengthening in the faith. He wants them to grow up. The preacher does not want the church to be a spiritual daycare or nursery of spiritually immature babies but a church with a purpose working together. He is hoping that real Christians would grasp this teaching in the midst of those who profess to be Christians but have really rejected Christ. He has more than self-concern and takes time to teach the congregation the scriptures. The problem arises when a Pastor wants more for a people spiritually than the people want for themselves.

- **God Knows His Own:** Verse 10 suggest to us that God is thorough and he knows His own. He knows those who have true love for Him. When you have true love for Him in manifest itself in the love that you have for those who are in need. The preacher exhorts the congregation to remain steadfast in the work of the ministry. He knows those who really love Him enough to learn of Him and to teach others about Him.
- **Follow The Faithful Example:** Verse 11- This pastor is telling those that would hear him, “I want you to roll up your sleeves and fight the fight, keep the faith and finish your course. In verse 12 I like what The Message Bible says, “*Don't drag your feet. Be like those who stay the*

*course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them.” In other words, Keep it Moving!*

### **Question**

1. What *better things* is the writer talking about in verse 9?
2. How will *these better things* mature us as believers?
3. How does verse 10 uncover our slothfulness to grow?
4. How does the writer encourage believers not to *drag their feet*?

### **Make It Plain**

5. How does learning to teach others show our love for God?
6. What does spiritual growth have to do with being committed to God?

### **Final Thought**

A large part of Maturity within F.O.O.M.M. is recognizing that life will be better for you and your family through your service to your church. Maturation is critical to the success of Calvary Baptist Church. By Utilizing F.O.O.M.M., your family can mature in faith, help Calvary Baptist Church achieve our vision, and advance the Kingdom of God.