Steps to Maturity in Christ

Hebrews 6:1-6

Why is it important to learn the ABC's?

The writer of Hebrews has just told his readers that they need to start growing again in mature faith. Milk won't do forever. The elementary truths of God's Word will not suffice when hard times come. Believers need spiritual strength that can only be found in the solid food, the meat of the Word, the deep things of God. So he lists the elementary teachings about Christ.

Read verses 1-3 and list these elementary teachings.

Why do you suppose he mentions repentance and faith first?

Define repentance.

When a person hears (I mean really hears) the gospel, what happens?

According to Ephesians 2: 1-6, what is life like before repentance?

What does God do to change our lives?

Where are you seated right now if you are in Christ?

Read Romans 6: 15-23. What speaks to you from this paragraph?

What do you like about it?

Where did repentance come from? Acts 5: 31; 11:18

According to Ephesians 2: 8 where does faith unto salvation come from?

What is the meaning of baptism?

Why did the church lay hands on Barnabas and Saul in Acts 13: 1-3?

What does John 5: 24-29 say about the resurrection of the dead?

Who will live and who will be condemned?

Beloved, one must begin with these elementary truths. Have you repented and believed in the gospel? Have you obeyed the Lord in believer's baptism? Is your soul prepared for eternity? This is where you must begin. These are the first steps to maturity.