“Let Us Go on to Perfection”
Heb. 6:1-3

Introduction:
A. Digressive immaturity of the Hebrews.
   1. Had become dull of hearing (5:11)
   2. Had come to need milk. (5:12).
   3. Had had time to grow (5:12).
   4. Needed to “go on to perfection (maturity)” (Text).
B. Great to become newborn “babes in Christ.”
   1. Must be born again — of water and spirit.
   2. Must not remain babes. (1 Cor. 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:2)
   3. Must grow until the end. (2 Cor. 4:16)
C. Going on to perfection involves growing in at least the following areas:
   1. In knowledge.
   2. In faith.
   3. In ability.
   4. In holiness.

Discussion:
I. Knowledge.
   A. Grow in ... knowledge of our Lord. (2 Pet. 3:18)
      1. Causes us to grow in His grace (favor, pleasure) (cf. Luke 2:52; Col. 1:10).
      2. Protects against being falling and being misled. (v. 17).
   B. Growing requires wanting to learn and working at it (Acts 17:11).
   C. Growing involves tapping every avenue of learning.
      1. Public teaching (1 Cor. 14:31).
      2. Private study and meditation. (Psa. 1:2).
      3. Doing the word (John 8:31,32)

II. Faith.
   A. Our faith can be little or great. (Mt. 6:30; 8:10).
   B. Our faith can grow (2 Thess. 1:3).
   C. Our faith can be refined and perfected.
      1. By refining and perfecting knowledge.
      2. By experience of testing and doing (Jas. 1:2-4; 2:22).

III. Ability.
   A. Ability can be increased with time, experience and solid food.
   B. Ability to serve as teachers and other areas of service (Heb. 5:12).
   C. Ability to discern good and evil. (Heb. 5:14).
      1. Ability to apply general Bible principles of specific situations (cf. Lascivious, modest).
      2. Ability to identify “the like(s)” (cf. Gal. 5:21).
      3. Ability to separate truth from error.

IV. Holiness.
   A. Constantly “perfecting holiness” 2 Cor. 7:1.
      1. Keeping clean and separate from world (2 Cor. 6:14-16)
      2. Keeping under body, bringing it into subjection. (1 Cor. 9:27).
   B. “More like Jesus would I be..." and less like world.

Conclusion:
A. We must grow stronger in these things or we will become weaker.
B. We must become babes in Christ, but given time we must not remain so.