

Heb 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

I remember over 30 years ago, when I first became a Christian. Within just a few days of becoming a Christian I was at work, sharing my new found faith with the guys at work. Then they started to question me about this new faith in Jesus Christ. One of the questions was, “How do you know that Jesus is real, after all, didn’t your parents also tell you about Santa Claus and the Easter bunny? So then why would this Jesus that they told you about be real?”

Now this is actually a good question, but something that a two or three day old little Christian was not able to answer.

Think of it this way, many of you know that I am a musician and I have been playing piano/keyboards for over 25 years. But when I first started, I barely knew where middle C was; let alone what those black keys on the piano were for. If I was ever told 25 years ago to play an F#m or an E6 chord I would think, “Are you crazy, I have no idea what those chords are or even how to play a chord.” But now over 25 years later I am writing songs with the F#m and E6 chords in them.

So, you may be a new or fairly new Christian, and you may be getting a little discouraged at how little you know, or you just don’t have all the answers when you share your new faith in Jesus. Well, you are a baby or a little child in Jesus Christ, so don’t worry about it, because as you grow in your faith, you will learn things. Just pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you share your faith and when you are questioned about Jesus, and He will give you the words.

† ***Matt 10:19-20 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.***

I’ve been a Christian for over 30 years, but 30 years ago I could not teach the bible, but I can now, because first I am gifted by the Lord, because the teachings come from the Holy Spirit and not from me. Second I have read the bible, many times. I study the bible and have learned through life how to walk the Christian walk as I am lead by the Holy Spirit. But also note that I am still learning and growing in the Lord and still have a long, LONG way to go.

But then there are some of you who have been a Christian for 5, 10, 20 or more years and all you can do is quote John 3:16, and you can't even say the name of Jesus or even God, you just say, "*The Big Guy*". (Show me in the bible where someone called God "The Big Guy", that's almost blasphemous and is not acknowledging God for who He really is.)

For you, I say it's time to grow up in your faith, get to know the God and Savior of the bible, by reading the bible, everyday! Get into a daily prayer time, and I'm not just talking saying grace over your meal. But talk to God and Jesus, like how you would talk to a spouse, or a close friend, or close family member.

Now I can't make or convince you to do these things, only by falling in love with Jesus again, will these things happen.

Oh, you say you do love Jesus? Think of it this way, if you spent as much time with your spouse, or girlfriend or boyfriend as much as you do with Jesus, do you think they would stick around or feel loved by you?

† **Jeremiah 29:13 *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.***