



My Shot at Christian Maturity!

In the Musical Hamilton there is a song called 'My Shot'. Hamilton sings about how he is not throwing away his shot at leaving a legacy. During this series called 'Take Your Shot' we will look at how not to waste the opportunity we have to fulfill our destiny. Today specifically we will look at how to take your shot at Christian Maturity by entering God's rest.

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

God's plan is for us to have a rich and satisfying life by entering God's place of rest.

1. We must first achieve the fundamentals.

Hebrews 5:14 Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

Hebrews 6:1a So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding...

There are basic (fundamental) teachings, that when practiced, open the door to a mature understanding.

Take Your Shot!

House of Praise, Pastor Bill Morgan

Hebrews 6:1b-3 Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.² You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

³ And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

2. God's Rest

Hebrews 4:9-10 So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God.¹⁰ For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.

Matthew 11:28-30 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Hebrews 6: 19-20 This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us.

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

3. Entering God's Rest happens after we settle the fundamentals in our hearts.

Psalm 91:1 Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 116:6-7 The LORD protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me.⁷ Let my soul be *at rest again*, for the LORD has been good to me.

4. You know you are in God's rest when your reactions to tragedy are faith filled.

Philippians 4:7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will *guard your hearts and minds* as you live in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 7:24-25 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who *builds a house on solid rock*.²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, *it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock*.

Hebrews 4:3 For only we who believe can enter his rest.

1 John 1:8-9 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Offering Scripture

Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God. Luke 12:21

My Next Steps this week:

- Invite the Women in your life to Mother's Day Next Sunday!**
- Pray, asking Jesus to lead me into God's Rest!**