

Preparing for Troubling Times

Part 2

Hebrews 6:1-2, 7-11, 19-20

CONTEXT FOR THE CHURCH IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

- Hebrews 10:32-34



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Arabic Letter “Noon” or
“N” for Nazarene -
Christian



Four options for Christians in
Mosul:

1. Forfeit everything - flee
2. Convert to Islam
3. Pay the “religion tax, the
humiliation tax”
4. Die

HOW DOES ONE PREPARE FOR TROUBLING TIMES?

1. Time to focus on our spiritual growth.
 - Hebrews 6:1.
 - Hebrews 5:12-14.
 - You should all be teachers by now.
 - You haven't grown spiritually.
 - You have need of "milk" (like an infant) rather than "solid food."

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2. How do we focus on spiritual growth?

A. By wanting to and doing it. V 6:7

- The ground is “tilled”

- John 15:1, 4-5

B. By drinking the right water.

- Useful vegetables or thorns and thistles.
6:7-8

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3. God does not forget love-motivated service.
 - A. Spiritual growth includes:
 - Love-motivated service. 6:10
 - B. Spiritual growth gives birth to hope. 6:11
 - Hope believes and expects God for the good.

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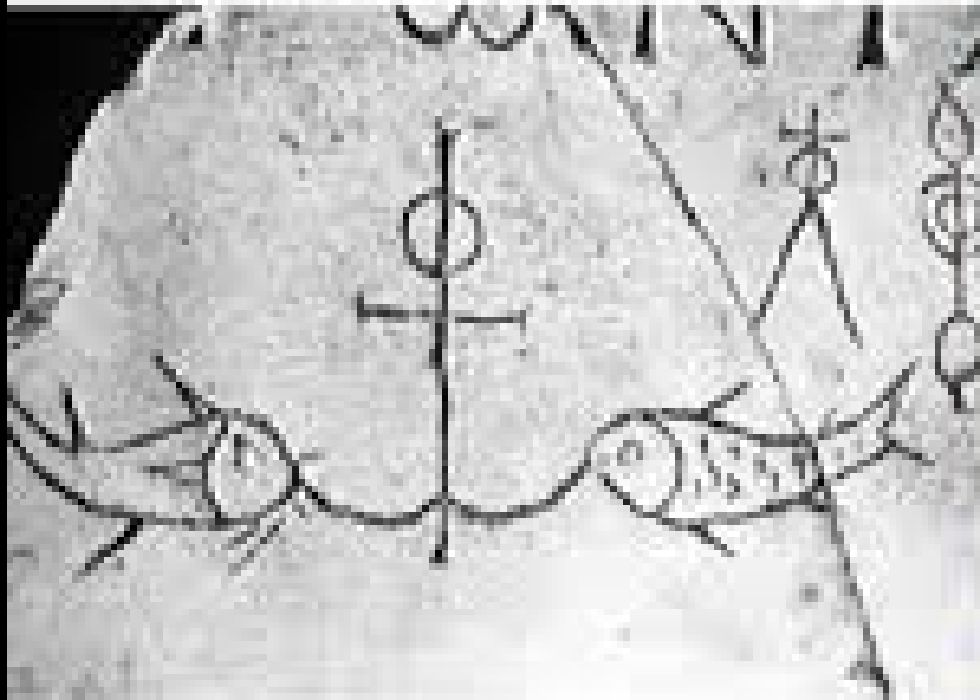
4. Hope puts an anchor up where the Forerunner resides.
 - Heb 6:19

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- Jeremiah 29:11
- Lamentations 3:24
- Romans 5:3-5
- Romans 15:4
- Romans 15:12-13
- Hebrews 10:23

HOW WERE THEY TO EXPERIENCE HOPE?

Catacomb carvings: Early Christian tombs often showed an anchor.



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:17)