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Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal

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Case 1: Those who fall away [4-6]

Analogy [7-8]

Case 2: Those who endure [9-10]

Word of Exhortation [11-12]

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