

## 2017-18 BSP#5 Group Time Discussion

*I believe in order to understand; I understand and the better I believe (St. Augustine). 我信以求明白；我明白所以信得更好 (聖奧斯定)。*

### (A) 我們查考以求明白 We Study In Order To Understand (15 minutes)

1. 作者在 6:4 列舉基督徒在生活上所獲得的五大恩賜實際上是甚麼呢？(a) 基督徒「曾一次被光照」- 是指甚麼聖事？(b) 基督徒「嘗過天上的恩賜」- 是指甚麼聖事？(c) 基督徒「成了有分於聖神」- 是指甚麼聖事？(d) 基督徒「嘗過天主甘美的言語」- 甚麼天主的言語是特別啟示給基督徒的呢？答：基督的 [??]。(e) 基督徒見證過「未來世代德能」- 按 2:4「未來世代德能」是甚麼？  
What specifically are the 5 privileges of the Christian life that the author lists in Heb 6:4? (a) Christians are those “who have once been *enlightened*” – This refers to the sacrament of [?]. (b) Christians have “tasted the *heavenly gift*” – This refers to the sacrament of [?]. (c) Christians have “shared in the *Holy Spirit*” – This refers to the sacrament of [?]. (d) Christians have “tasted the good word of God” – What is “the good word of God” specifically revealed to the Christians? Answer: The [?] of Christ. (e) Christians have tasted “the powers of the age to come” – What are “the powers of the age to come” according to Heb 2:4?
2. 在 6:10 作者提及一些「善工和愛德」，是他訓導的信眾「為了祂的名，在過去和現在，在服事聖徒的事上所表現的愛德」。這些善工是甚麼？(提示：看 10:33-34, 13:2。)  
In 6:10, the author refers to the “work and the love” that his audience “have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones.” What are some of these works that he is referring to? (Hint: Read 10:33-34, 13:2.)

### (B) 我們明白所以活得更好 We Understand And the Better We Live (10 minutes)

正如希 6:4-5 所說，禮儀、聖事、祈禱和日常生活能給人神聖和真實存在的事物；在真正的基督徒經驗中，人是可以品嚐到這些事物的。在論及屬靈經驗的重要性時，聖伯納、克理弗勸道：「讓那些沒體驗過天主的人充滿渴求和燃燒起來吧！不但要讓他們知道，更要讓他們體驗得到。」(雅歌講道 1. 11) 請與組員分享你在個人屬靈生活上如何體驗天主臨在；這些經驗能否增強你和天主的關係？有些人警告說尋求屬靈經驗是危險的 - 即尋求主觀性和個人的經驗，如一些靈性上興奮的感覺。你對類似的警告有何看法？

As suggested in Hebrews 6:4-5, authentic Christian experience is a tasting of the divine realities given to us in the liturgy, the sacraments, prayer, and daily life. While discussing the importance of spiritual experience, St. Bernard of Clairvaux urged, “Let those without experience [of God] burn with desire so that they will not so much know as experience” (Sermons on the Song of Songs 1.11). Share with your group how you experience God’s presence in your personal spiritual life and whether such experiences are helpful in strengthening your relationship with God. People often warn against the danger of seeking spiritual experience – experience taken in a subjective, individualistic sense, as in seeking for a spiritual high. What do you say to this kind of warning?