



What Does It Mean to Fall Away From Salvation?

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Hebrews 6:4-8

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Warnings in Hebrews (There are a total of 5 in the book of Hebrews) ...

The 1st— Don't **drift** away from the Word (2:1-4)

The 2nd — Don't **doubt** the Word (3:7-4:13)

The 3rd — Don't be **dull** toward the Word (5:11-6:20)

The Situation ... Why were they not growing?

The Solution ... What is going to cause them grow?

I. THE APPEAL — Go Forward in Salvation 6:1-3

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

The Seriousness ... If you are not growing, what does this possibly say about you?

"For in the case of those ..." 6:4

LESSON - What Does It Mean to Fall Away From Salvation? 6:4-8

II. THE APPLICATION — Grasp What Is At Stake In Regards to Salvation vs. 4-8

The Perspective — How Should We Think of This Difficult Passage?

Hermeneutics for Difficult Passages

- 1) Always **PRAY** first.
- 2) Deal with **SCRIPTURE** alone.
- 3) Start with the **CLEAR** passages of Scripture.
- 4) Deal with the difficult passages in the **LIGHT** of the clear passages.
- 5) Realize that the author is not always writing to **INDIVIDUALS**, but rather Churches as a whole.
- 6) Check your conclusions with a trusted **COMMENTARY**.

The Passage — What Is It Teaching Us?

- 1) The **INVESTIGATION**. vs. 4-5 *"For in the case of those ..."*

Does it say they are "born-again"?

Does it say they had any spiritual experiences?

*"once been **enlightened**"*

*"have **tasted** of the heavenly gift"*

*"made **partakers** of the Holy Ghost"*

*"have **tasted** the good word of God"*

*"and the **powers** of the age to come"*

- 2) The **INDICTMENT**. v. 6 *"and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, ..."*

- 3) The **ILLUSTRATION**. vs. 7-8 *"For **ground** that drinks the rain ..."*

Today's Growth Points — How Does This Passage Apply to Us Today?