

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 6:4-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Who Are Those Who Can Never Be Saved?”

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

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Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

For the many of you who have been “churched”,

your approach to this scripture passage has been preloaded
or preempted by the doctrinal influences of your
particular denominational upbringing.

Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

The **Baptist** hold one view, the **Presbyterians** hold another, while the **Lutheran** have their view, the **Methodist** theirs, and on and on it goes. Men being persuaded by the views of other men’s views who have gone before them have shaped the view that you hold today.

The correct view is what the Bible has to say about itself, the Bible. You will never go wrong if you let the Bible speak for itself and use itself to confirm to you the meaning of the Scriptures.

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**“Let the Bible interpret the Bible
and let every man teach what the Bible has already said”**

In Paul’s “Farwell Address” Pastor’s Conference

when from Miletus he sent for the elders of the church of Ephesus and said;

Acts 20:26-28

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

It was true in the first century as it is true in our day, when 2,000 years ago as the Lord had not yet returned to establish the promise kingdom - many grew faint in their profession of faith and lacked a deep personal relationship with Christ. Tragically, shortly Jesus’ ascension many began to give up on waiting and went back into their former relationship with Judaism. After all what they had come out of was of divine origins, being the Old Testament / the Old Covenant. This was a very serious thing for true Christianity is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures. They failed to go on with Christ and this happened because they failed to associate the new covenant of Christ with the old covenant promises and prophecies.

View (1) There are those who hold to the view that the people described in these verses are Christians who lose their salvation. But if that is true notice that there is no ability for them to repent and be restored nor do they have the opportunity to return to Christ for it is impossible for them to return. This view does not allow for a backslidden believer to be saved.

View (2) There are those who hold to the view that this passage refers not to genuine believers but to those who only profess to be believers citing that versus 4 and 5 are understood to refer to experiences that come short of actual salvation.

View (3) There are others (me) who understand the passage to be an exhortation to true genuine believers - urging them on in their Christian growth and maturity. Having been practicing Jews (The Book of Hebrews) under the Old Covenant and thus having identified Jesus as Messiah, there is no other form of salvation

To this Dr. Charles Ryrie illustrates by saying that *“It is like a classroom of students who are told ‘It is impossible for you students once enrolled in this course, if you seek to turn the clock back (which cannot be done), just to start the course over again – that will be impossible. Therefore, let all of you go on into a deeper knowledge of God.’”* Dr. Ryrie continues *“The sentence is structured in such a way as to encourage the true believer to press on while others who merely say they are followers of Christ not only in time will depart or fall away from all that they know - but eventually turn back toward the old practices and traditions of the Law. For such a person who has rejected God’s way of salvation, salvation itself becomes impossible for them because there is no other form of salvation exists apart from Jesus Christ.”*

“Who Are Those Who Can Never Be Saved?”

1.) Those who put themselves in an impossible situation

vs. 4

Verse 4

Hebrews 6:4

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

We cannot consider this portion of scripture without looking back at the foundation(s) that the apostle has laid down.

Everything that we are about to study is all based upon his previous arguments regarding (1) Who Jesus Christ is (2) What was His mission (3) Why is He superior to all and (4) What is His forever ministry.

“Who Are Those Who Can Never Be Saved”

Let’s get this out of the way right now – this title nor passage of Scripture does not apply to those who have never heard or rightly understood the Gospel of God. It does not apply to those who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ

So, then who is being called out here?

Those who have had a very real and powerful exposure to the Gospel and the Power of God - - these are the ones in question here!

“Who Are Those Who Can Never Be Saved?”

Those Who Put Themselves In An Impossible Situation

1a.) They were looking back to the past

vs. 4a

Verse 4a

For it is impossible for those

Impossible grk: adunatos

unable, powerless, without a path or course, having no other place to go. (having become adrift with no place to anchor to)

But Remember What They Would Have Gone Back To?

There was **NO** priesthood. There was **NO** temple. There was **NO** lamb. There was **NO** blood. There was **NO** messiah. There was **NO** power. there was **NO** gospel.

It is very possible, that in this 21st. century that we are now living in may very well usher in very difficult and challenging times for all of us. Days in which many might question the Scriptures, “Isn’t Jesus coming back for us? I thought the rapture would have happened by now? I thought things were going to get better, not worse?

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

John 15:4-6

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

2 Peter 2:20-22

For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

"Who Are Those Who Can Never Be Saved?"

Those Who Put Themselves In An Impossible Situation

1b.) They were able to know the difference

vs. 4b

Verse 4b

who were once enlightened,

once

grk: hapax

exposed, having had an encounter or having had an experience, to become aware of what is. (in the positive as well as the negative)

Hebrews 4:1-2

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

enlightened grk: photizo

to shine upon, to give light to, to be brought to light, to be illuminated (chiefly by proximity as being near to or close to the source of light)

John 1:4-5

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Remember The Children of Israel.

Having once come out of Egypt – not being happy with their situation, they desired to return to Egypt for human comforts. They eventually died in the wilderness because there was no place for them to be comforted. Egypt couldn't do it, and they wouldn't let God do it.

“Who Are Those Who Can Never Be Saved?”

Those Who Put Themselves In An Impossible Situation

1c.) They were familiar with the life of the church

vs. 4c

Verse 1c

and have tasted the heavenly gift,

tasted

grk: geuomai

to flavor or to taste, to know the taste of something or to have tasted this or that thing, to knowledgeable of the taste.

heavenly

grk: epouranios

broad meaning pertaining to the heavenly attributes of all things regarding the characteristics and experiences both in heaven and on earth regarding spiritual matters of the kingdom life.

gift

grk: dorea

without charge, free, gifted, given as in bestowed upon, to be gifted the things or a thing that cannot be gotten any other way.

Matthew 13:3-23

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and

hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Only One Soil Had Truly Received the Word of God

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1d.) They were content to be almost a Christian

vs. 4d

Verse 4d

and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

partakers grk: metochos
to be sharing in or companions with another along the way or during an event, to witness the same thing(s), to see the same thing(s) to be present at the same moment as others.

Note This;

It is The Holy Spirit who is the focal point of the issue.

Whoever these people are – they witnessed the moving of the Holy Spirit in some fashion so as to leave them without an excuse.

(in other words – God did His part)

Rededication Time

End of Study

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