

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Heb 6:4-6**Heb 6:4-6 - posted by anatolian, on: 2021/8/8 19:02**

It is impossible for those who were once enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, have received the Holy Ghost, tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, to renew them again to turn away from sin. Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God anew, and put Him to an open shame.

See 1 Cor:5:5, parable of youngest son: Luke 15:10-32, 1 John 1:9

I am having trouble with this scripture in Hebrews in light of these scriptures: See 1 Cor:5:5, parable of youngest son: Luke 15:10-32, 1 John 1:9

Can anyone give me some understanding? Thanks Appreciate it.

Re: Heb 6:4-6 - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2021/8/8 23:12

This is my opinion of it.

Jesus spoke about thorns and briers. As an example of those who don't come through. This chapter refers to that type of person again.

He mentions the type of people caught up in thorns and briers.

I believe it's referring to that type of person in the verses you picked out.

So we must make sure we fully obey.

I wouldn't want anyone to go away when they have the answer and don't truly follow Christ but think it's all a job of the Holy Spirit to change us. As that will never work and you will not be free of the thorns and briers. We have to press on to maturity and make ourselves do things. Take ungodly thoughts captive etc.

A person who leaves Christ is given a hardened heart of unbelief.. That heart begins to mock Christianity. I've seen someone do it. They wanted to go to a Bible college. And were talking in a house group about it each week. A year later they had backslid and became so hardened that they were convinced they were disillusioned to have believed in the Bible.

It is a terrifying thing not to follow Christ. Because he will give a person over to a hardened heart to make them believe a lie as if it is the truth.

But having godly fear can keep us held captive to stop us in our tracks and be more concerned about following Christ. It's a blessing from the Lord to be held in fear sometimes.

Those other verses you mentioned aren't about the type of person caught up by thorns and briers. But those who persevered.

It refers to Abraham in this chapter who persevered and went on to inherit the blessing.

Re: Heb 6:4-6 - posted by anatolian, on: 2021/8/9 22:22

Thank you.

Re: Heb 6:4-6 - posted by savannah, on: 2021/8/10 7:19

"Be anxious for nothing..."

<https://youtu.be/yUobBStX5BM>

Re: Heb 6:4-6 - posted by twayneb (), on: 2021/8/12 18:12

It is going to be tough to understand this phrase without putting it into the context of the statements around it and the purpose and audience of the book of Hebrews. Paul is writing to Hebrew believers. These people had forsaken ALL to follow Christ. They were now outcasts in their communities and usually shunned for life by their families. The pressure to renounce Christ and return to Judaism was intense for many of them. These were the ones Paul was addressing. In this context, to have experienced the Messiah (Jesus), His saving power, the power of the Holy Spirit, and to make a conscious decision to return the law and renounce Christ leaves one with no other option for salvation and makes all He did of no effect.

Hope that helps. Study the entire book in that context and don't pull verses out to stand on their own. It will make much more sense.

Re: Heb 6:4-6 - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2021/8/12 19:11

John Bunyan wrote of his struggles with Hebrews 6 in *Grace abounding to the Chief of Sinners*, here's a clip from it;

When I had with much deliberation considered of this matter, and could not but conclude that the Lord had comforted me, and that too after this my wicked sin: then methought I durst venture to come nigh unto those most fearful and terrible scriptures, with which all this while I had been so greatly affrighted, and on which indeed, before I durst scarce cast mine eye (yea, had much ado an hundred times, to forbear wishing them out of the Bible), for I thought they would destroy me; but now, I say, I began to take some measure of encouragement, to come close to them to read them, and consider them, and to weigh their scope and tendency.

The which when I began to do, I found their visage changed: for they looked not so grimly, as before I thought they did: and first I came to the sixth of the Hebrews, yet trembling for fear it should strike me; which when I had considered, I found that the falling there intended, was a falling quite away; that is as I conceived, a falling from and absolute denying of the gospel, of remission of sins by Jesus Christ; for, from them the apostle begins his argument, verses 1, 2, 3, 4. Secondly, I found that this falling away, must be openly, even in the view of the world, even so as to put Christ to an open shame. Thirdly, I found those he there intended, were for ever shut up of God, both in blindness, hardness, and impenitency: It is impossible they should be renewed again unto repentance. By all these particulars, I found to God's everlasting praise, my sin was not the sin in this place intended.

First, I confessed I was fallen, but not fallen away; that is, from the profession of faith in Jesus unto eternal life.

Secondly, I confessed that I had put Jesus Christ to shame by my sin, but not to open shame; I did not deny Him before men, nor condemn Him as a fruitless One before the world.

Thirdly, Nor did I find that God had shut me up, or denied me to come (though I found it hard work indeed to come) to Him by sorrow and repentance: blessed be God for unsearchable grace!

Re: davidkeel - posted by BranchinVINE (), on: 2021/8/15 4:56

Hi David,

Thank you for your post.

Indeed, it is possible for Christians to fall away.

There is also the story of Charles Templeton.

Charles Templeton was a leading evangelist in the 1940s and 1950s, internationally renowned. From 1936 to 1938, he toured the US and preached in 44 states. He also hosted the Christian TV show "Look Up and Live". He was a close friend of Billy Graham with whom he co-founded (along with Torrey Johnson) Youth For Christ International. In 1946 he was listed among the best used of God by the National Association of Evangelicals, superseding even Billy Graham. Then doubts engulfed him and faith failed. He became an agnostic and wrote the book "Farewell to God". He died in 2001, an apostate to the end. (Source: Wikipedia, etc.)

It is best to heed the Bible's own clear teaching on how to be always saved and who are the always saved:

Heb. 6:9-12

But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

2 Tim. 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Blessings

Re: - posted by BranchinVINE (), on: 2021/8/15 4:59

"THE HOLIEST OF ALL" by Andrew Murray
An Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews
(First published in 1894)

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I first read â€œThe Holiest of Allâ€ by Andrew Murray early in my Christian life and was greatly helped and richly blessed by it. This book continues to be a blessing to me today.

â€œOld, yet ever newâ€

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XoUmlEy1Ec>

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2021/8/15 6:05

Thanks for sharing, Jade. That's a good talk by Andrew Murray