



Jesus Is More

The Book of Hebrews



What's the Danger of Not Growing?

Hebrews 6:1-8
(NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.



I. Let Go or Press Forward?



Hebrews 6:1 (NKJV)

¹ 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,



Hebrews 6:2 (NKJV)

² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.



Hebrews 6:3 (NKJV)

³ And this we will do if God permits.



II. Christian or Non-Christian? Saved or Lost? Renewable or Unrenewable?

A. Christian or Non Christian?



Hebrews 6:4-5 (NKJV)

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,

⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,



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- B. Saved or Lost?**



Hebrews 6:6 (NKJV)

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- I. Let Go or Press Forward?
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- III. A Parable



Hebrews 6:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;



Hebrews 6:8 (NKJV)

⁸ but if it bears thorns and briars, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.



Five Takeaways from Heb 6:1-8

1. Difference Between Backsliding and Apostasy
2. Believing Needs to Be Continual, Not a One-Time Act
3. God is the Judge: We Are Poor Judges
4. Judgment is Determined Not by the Beginning, But By the End or Fruit
5. Be A Growing Christian Till Your Last Breath



Questions

1. How do you respond to admonishment or warnings? Do you tend to take heed or be dismissive?
2. Discuss in your small group if you believe that the six foundational basic beliefs in Hebrews 6:1-2 are really just the beginning for baby Christians, or do you think they are for more mature believers? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think that it is hard for many Christians to go on to maturity in their Christian walk? Why is growing so important for a Christian according to the writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1-8?
4. Do you believe that the people described in Hebrews 6:4-5 are Christians or not? Give your points of proof from Hebrews and other Scriptures.
5. Do you believe that it is possible for a Christian to lose their salvation? Give your reasons from Scripture. Do you believe that it is impossible for a Christian to lose their salvation? Give your reasons from Scripture.



Questions (continued)

6. Of the 4 most common ways of interpreting Hebrews 6:1-8, which of the 4 do you tend to believe the author is addressing? Give your reasons why.

- **HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION?**
- **NEVER HAD SALVATION EXPERIENCE?**
- **FALL AWAY BUT ONLY LOSE REWARDS, DO NOT LOSE SALVATION?**
- **FALL AWAY AND LOSE SALVATION?**



Questions (continued)

7. Is it possible for a person who renounces Christ all over again, to ever come to repentance? Or is it impossible for a person who renounces Christ all over again, to ever come to repentance? Heb 6:4-6. Give your rationale for believing for or against this.
8. What is the difference between backsliding an out-and-out apostasy (totally rejecting Christ for a lifetime)? Why is it difficult for us to be able to discern when backsliding turns into apostasy?



Questions (continued)

9. In Hebrews 6:7-8 about the parable of the field, how does this elaborate and explain Hebrews 6:4-6?
10. Am I flirting with the peril of falling away? Have I begun to drift dangerously near the point of no return?
11. As a child of God, what is needed to keep me walking near the Savior?
12. What exactly is God's warning to me right now?
13. Of the 5 takeaways that Pastor Randy ended the sermon on, which one speaks to your heart the most? Share with the group why.

