

Warning Against Falling Away.

Hebrews 6:1-8

3/24/19

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Believers who faithfully follow Christ's commands can be confident of their salvation. Do not neglect your walk with Jesus. Our verses today truly are the stuffing of a spiritual sandwich. It started with one piece of bread, Hebrews 5:11-14... the Confrontation, people can be spiritually immature. Next Sunday is the other slice of bread, Hebrews 6:9-12... the Mitigation. I have confidence in you to grow up. The stuffing, our verses today... the Warning, you are in danger!

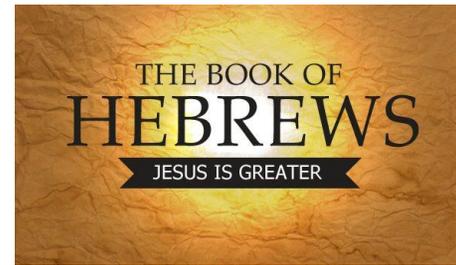
Breaking down our verses today:

Hebrews 6:1-2; the author wants us to leave the elementary principles of Christ, embrace them, but leave them because the goal of progressing is maturity.

The Greek word "*teleiotes*," which means perfection. The goal according to the author for a Christian is perfection.

Hebrews 6:3; "If the Lord permits," was a common expression on the will of God. Growing into maturity is at God's discretion and by His permission.

Hebrews 6:4-5; these verses here are directed specifically at Hebrew Christians. While others can certainly enjoy these goodness's of God, only a believer can have the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-17; *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*



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FALL AWAY; Greek word apostasia (apostacy) which is to abandon your faith. The Greek word parapentes (fall) which means to fall aside, wander, or take the wrong path.

Hebrews 6:7-8 and Matthew 13:3-9: A person will not lose their salvation for wandering off the path and not living for Jesus but without repentance, our reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ will be addressed. There are consequences. What we do will be tested by fire.

Hebrews 6:6: a person’s falling away is a re-crucifying of Christ. A Christian, who falls into doubt, disbelief, and disobedience is siding, at least in practice with the world which crucified Jesus.

Christ died once for mankind’s sin. His death was sufficient to pay for our sins. Therefore, if our repentance was real, if our faith is real we are assured of salvation and eternal life. A true believer cannot lose their salvation. The point is... don’t toy with falling away. Stay connected to Christ and His church.

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