

The Danger of Irreversible Apostasy
Hebrews 6:1-8
9-25-22

Leaving elementary doctrine (O.T.)

1. Repentance
2. Faith toward God
3. Washings
4. Laying on of hands
5. Resurrection of the dead
6. Eternal judgment

John 5:24 – *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."*

Romans 8:39 – *"...nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 11:29 – *"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."*

1 Corinthians 1:6-8 – *"...even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

John 10:27-30 – *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."*

John 6:37-40 – *"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."*

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) – *"...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Matthew 13:23 – *"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."*

1 John 2:19 – *"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us."*

2 Peter 1:10 – *"Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall."*

2 Corinthians 13:5 – *"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you fail to meet the test!"*

Growing Deeper This Week

1. Why is the temptation to try and earn salvation through works so strong? Why do we still sometimes find ourselves returning to fruitless attempts to win God's favor through works even though we know better?
2. The author of Hebrews was encouraging his people not to divide their trust in Christ's righteousness with things that could not save them. In what elementary doctrines of the faith do you sometimes trust rather than resting in the righteousness secured for you in Christ?
3. How can believers be confident that their salvation is secure? What are some of the marks of true conversion and genuine salvation? Can we actually ever be sure, this side of heaven, if someone is a genuine believer? Why or why not?
4. Why is it significant that the author concludes this warning with words of hope in Hebrews 6:9-10?
5. Read some of the scriptures above. How do they encourage you?
6. Who is your ONE? Pray God's Word for them this week.