

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 6:4-6 Lesson #12

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

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

•**Acts 7:51** “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in _____ and ears! You always _____ the _____; as your _____ did, so do you.”

•**Hebrews 3:12-13** “Beware, brethren, lest there be in _____ of _____ an evil _____ of _____ in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be _____ through the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “Those who were once ENLIGHTENED, and have TASTED the heavenly gift” – We see many examples in the Bible of people who heard the gospel, maybe even many times, such as Felix, but they NEVER received Jesus by faith or believed the gospel. Felix was obviously under conviction by the Holy Spirit, but it just made him uncomfortable, so he sent Paul away and he only **was briefly “ENLIGHTENED, and TASTED the heavenly gift.”** In fact, Felix only wanted Paul to come and talk to him, hoping that Paul would offer him money for his release from prison. This is like the SEED that was NOT planted in good ground, but rather fell by the wayside in Jesus’ parable. Here in Hebrews it says that these people have only TASTED the heavenly gift (the gospel), not actually RECEIVED it. **They “tasted” of God’s precious GIFT of salvation, but then “spit it out”** by turning their backs on Christ and going back to a religion of “dead works”. **It also says they were ENLIGHTENED**, as it says in the Gospel of John that the message of the Gospel of Christ “enlightens every man” but that does NOT mean they all ACCEPTED the gospel.

•**Acts 24:24-26** “And after some days, when _____ came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and _____ him concerning the _____ in _____. Now as he (Paul) reasoned about _____, _____, and the _____ to come, Felix was _____ and answered, ‘Go _____ for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.’ Meanwhile he also _____ that _____ would be _____ him by Paul, that he might release him. Therefore he sent for him more often and conversed with him.”

•**John 1:4-5** “In Him was _____, and the life was the _____ of _____. And the _____ shines in the _____, and the _____ did _____ comprehend it.”

•**John 8:12** “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the _____ of the world. He who follows _____ shall _____ walk in _____, but have the _____ of _____.’”

Definition: “The DARKNESS did not COMPREHEND it” — To COMPREHEND means to grasp the nature or significance or meaning of something. The world is in darkness, and they do not understand who Jesus is or why He came.

•**Proverbs 4:19** “The _____ of the _____ is like _____;

they do _____ know what makes them _____."

Definition: "Have become PARTAKERS of the HOLY SPIRIT" – In this case, the "partaking" of the Holy Spirit does NOT mean that the Holy Spirit actually came to live in them, but only that He was speaking to them in their hearts, and they REJECTED His working. The Holy Spirit comes to live in every true believer who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, but He, the Holy Spirit has many other "jobs" in this world. One of the things the Holy Spirit does is that He CONVICTS people in their hearts of their SINS and of the truth about Jesus (John 15:26; John 16:7-14), and to ignore or reject that convicting means there is no other chance, no other WAY for a person to believe and be saved (Hebrews 6:4-6; Heb. 10:29). Since all other sins can be forgiven when a person accepts Jesus as Savior, then the sin of HARDENING their HEARTS against the convicting of the Holy Spirit (and thus rejecting that forgiveness through Jesus) leaves a person with no way of being forgiven. These people mentioned here were "PARTAKERS of the CONVICTING WORK of the HOLY SPIRIT" and they rejected His working, so that is why God's word says they cannot change their minds and repent later. Just like Pharaoh and the generation of Israelites who died in the wilderness, they have HARDENED their HEARTS to a point that they will never believe.

• **John 15:26** "But when the _____ comes, whom I shall send to you from the _____, the _____ of truth _____ proceeds from the Father, _____ will testify of _____."

• **Psalms 95:7b-10** "....Today, if you will _____ His voice: 'Do not _____ your _____, as in the _____, and as in the day of trial in the _____, when your _____ tested Me; they proved Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was _____ with that generation, and said, 'It is a people who go _____ in their _____, and they do not _____ My _____.'"

• **Exodus 8:15** "But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he _____ his _____ and did not _____ to them, as the Lord had said."

Definition: "If they FALL AWAY, to RENEW them again to REPENTANCE" – The Greek for "fall away" means apostasy and unbelief. It does NOT refer to a true Christian just falling into sin for a while, because we KNOW from many other Scriptures that a true believer in Jesus can always repent and turn back to the Lord (I John 1:9). There is no such thing as an "unforgiveable sin" for a born again Christian who has put their faith and trust in Jesus. That word is not even in the Bible. This is talking about some people who obviously JOINED a church body, but for whatever reasons, they did NOT truly accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and they wanted to go back to Judaism, keeping the law of Moses and making sacrifices in the Jewish temple. The reason that these people would "be IMPOSSIBLE to RENEW them again to REPENTANCE" is that they had HEARD the gospel, but actually never truly believed it and now completely REJECTED it. There was a lot of persecution of Christians in the early days of the church, so these not-really-true-believers may have been AFRAID of the persecution, and as Jesus said, "The ones on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation (testing, PERSECUTION) they FALL AWAY."

• **I John 1:9** "If we _____ our _____, He is _____ and just to _____ us our _____, and to _____ us from _____ unrighteousness."

• **Hebrews 2:1-3** "Therefore we must, give the more _____ heed to the things we have heard lest we _____. For if the _____ spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received

a just reward, _____ shall we _____ if we _____ so
_____ a _____, which at the first began to be spoken by the
_____, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.”

Definition: “How shall we escape if we NEGLECT so great a SALVATION” – Many people are openly opposed to the gospel and refuse to accept Jesus as their savior, but some people just seem to “neglect” to do anything about their spiritual condition, and they end up in hell along with those who openly hated Christ. **If you do NOT take advantage of the FORGIVENESS** through the NAME of JESUS, you must PAY for your own sins. If you do not believe in **the death of Jesus on the cross (the BLOOD of Jesus)** to cleanse you from all your sins, then you have NO WAY to be cleansed or forgiven, and **you will go to your DEATH still in your filthy, SINFUL CONDITION.** Hebrews 10:26 says “there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” for anyone who REJECTS the SACRIFICE of JESUS on the CROSS! **These Jews could not go back to doing the animal sacrifices and hope that God would accept that instead of the sacrifice of Jesus!** The fact that Jesus says TWICE **“you will DIE in your SINS”** makes it obvious that DEATH is the cutting off point for “the day of salvation.”

- **II Corinthians 6:2** “.....Behold, now is ‘the acceptable time,’ behold, _____ is ‘the day of _____.’”
- **Hebrews 3:15** “_____ if you hear His voice, do _____ harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me.”
- **John 8:24** “Therefore I said to you that you will _____ in your _____; for if you do _____ believe that I am *He*, you will _____ in your _____.”

Definition: “They CRUCIFY again for themselves the SON of GOD” – There is NO WAY anyone could actually crucify Jesus Christ again, but this is referring to those **who REJECT Christ’s death and crucifixion and say that His death did NOT pay for our sins**, and/or that Jesus deserved to die, because He was a sinner, not God in the flesh. This is serious rejection of Jesus Christ, because these so-called believers had heard the gospel and should have clearly understood what Jesus did on the cross, but they turned away and rejected Him anyway.

- **Hebrews 10:29** “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has _____ the _____ of _____ underfoot, _____ the _____ of the _____ by which he was sanctified a _____ thing, and _____ the _____ of _____?”
- **Galatians 2:21** “I do _____ set _____ the _____ of _____; for _____ righteousness comes through the _____, then Christ _____ in _____.”
- **Romans 11:6** “And if by _____ then it is no longer by works (the law); otherwise _____ is no longer _____. But if it is of works (keeping the law), it is no longer _____; otherwise _____ is no longer _____.”
- **Galatians 3:21** “Is the _____ then _____ the promises of God? Certainly not! For _____ there had been a _____ given which _____ have given _____, truly righteousness _____ have _____ by the _____.”

Definition: “I do NOT SET ASIDE the GRACE of God” – If you mix in the works of the law (trying to keep the Old Testament commandments), or try to ADD ANYTHING to Christ’s work on the cross, you are **“SETTING ASIDE the GRACE of God,”** because you have ADDED your WORKS. The very meaning of GRACE is that it is **UNMERITED (you don’t deserve it) and UNEARNED (you can’t work for it) FAVOR - being ACCEPTED and LOVED by God** when we have done NOTHING and **CAN DO NOTHING** to EARN or DESERVE it. We are saved by **GRACE through our FAITH**

(Ephesians 2:8-9), and NOT by our works or by keeping the Old Testament Law.

• **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that _____ of yourselves, it is the _____ of God; _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast."

• **Romans 4:5-8** "But to him who does not _____ (doing good deeds in order to try to earn salvation) but _____ on Him who _____ the ungodly, his _____ is _____ for _____. Just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God _____ righteousness apart from _____: 'Blessed are those whose lawless _____ are _____, and whose _____ are covered; blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall _____ sin.'"

Definition: "Then Christ DIED in VAIN" – "In VAIN" means "not accomplishing anything, of no value, worthless." If salvation could be bought, earned, worked for, or obtained in **ANY other way than by believing and trusting in Jesus Christ**, then there would have been no need for His sacrificial death on the cross. Remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane? Jesus agonized (He knew what horrible suffering His human body would have to endure) and prayed to the Father and asked "O My Father, if it is POSSIBLE, let this CUP pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." **Don't you think that if there had been ANY OTHER WAY for God to redeem mankind than to put His own precious Son through such tremendous suffering that He would have done it?** These false believers were saying that they wanted to keep the Old Testament laws and animal sacrifices in order to be saved, so they were basically saying that what Jesus did on the cross was not enough. If what Jesus did on the cross in dying to pay for our sins was not enough, then truly **Christ DID DIE in VAIN. However, it was NOT in vain because Jesus said "It is finished!" He ACCOMPLISHED God's plan and paid for our salvation in full.**

• **Matthew 26:39** "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and _____, saying, 'O My _____, if it is _____, let this _____ pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You _____.'"

• **John 19:28-30** "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now _____, that the _____ might be _____, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when _____ had received the sour wine, He said, "_____ is _____!" And bowing His head, He _____ up His _____."

Definition: "IT IS FINISHED!" – The Greek word is "**Tetelestai**" which means literally, **PAID IN FULL**. It is the same word that would be used when someone paid a bill or paid off a debt of any kind - **paid in full**. Just before Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" He cried, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" This cry was a fulfillment of Psalm 22, and what it means is that Christ at that moment was experiencing the abandonment and despair that resulted from **the outpouring of God's WRATH on Him as our sin-bearer**. Jesus had become sin for the whole world, and God cannot look on sin! **Jesus PAID our SIN DEBT** as He hung and suffered on that cross, and God's wrath was poured out on Him instead of on us. When it was finished, He said "Paid in full!"

• **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who knew no _____ to _____ sin for us, that _____ might become the _____ of God in _____."