

Jesus: God's Final Word

The Only Way to Assurance

Hebrews 6:1-12

"Therefore ..."

"... let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity ..." (6:1)

There is no way that we can be confident of the _____ of the perpetually _____ . That's why we have the warnings in this passage!

There's a direct correlation between spiritual immaturity (as a result of self-inflicted " _____ " hearing) and _____ .

But ... _____ leads to _____ .

And this we will do if God permits. (v. 3)

Foundations and fundamentals of the faith that we build on as we mature:

The _____ to the Christian life – repentance and faith

The _____ of the Christian life – baptism and the Holy Spirit

The _____ of the Christian life – resurrection and judgment

Two "cases" illustrated by two "lands" ... the key to understanding and applying this passage

"... it is impossible, **in the case of those** who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt." (6:4-6)

"... yet **in your case**, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation." (6:9)

Case 1:

- The issue here is not _____ (from sin) but _____ (from faith).
- The result of apostasy is _____ .
- They've turned from _____ ... they now hold him in "contempt".
- This isn't a _____ hypothesis. This is a _____, real-life warning.
- The Bible offers _____ hope or assurance to those who are _____ . (Heb. 3:6)

The *absence* of spiritual "fruit" (or _____ of real salvation) indicates their _____ condition. (v. 7-8)

What do we do with the "profoundly Christian language" of vv. 4-5?

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. (1 John 2:19)

It's possible to be _____ to all the benefits of God as to be "almost Christian" and be condemned forever.

Is there a parallel in the Old Testament? (See: Psalm 95:7-11)

Case 2:

- Their lives _____ salvation.
- The challenge is to _____ in the faith ... to _____ .
- Remember: _____ gives _____ .
- Keep _____, _____, _____ .
- Don't allow yourself to become " _____ " .

The *presence* of spiritual "fruit" (or _____ of real salvation) indicates their _____ condition. (v. 7-8)

God's great aim for us?

"... full assurance of hope until the end ..." (v.11) so that we "... inherit the promises" (v. 12)

My response to both the warning and the encouragement: