

## **Hebrews 6:1-20 (Sept 28 2025)**

As Hebrews 6 begins, it is important to note that this text is seen by many scholars as one of the more challenging texts in the New Testament to interpret. Incorrect interpretations have led some to believe that Hebrews 6 is warning believers that they can lose their salvation, but the rest of Scripture shows that it is impossible for a Christian to lose their salvation (See John 10:27, Romans 8:29-39, and Philippians 1:6). The unbelieving Jews were in great danger, because of their spiritual immaturity and sluggishness, of turning back to Judaism and of never being able to repent and come to Christ.

Read Hebrews 6:1-20

1. Skim through the first 5 chapters, noting the paragraph titles. Then read Hebrews chapter 6 and write down 3-4 observations from the text, noting what 2 thoughts are connected by the word “therefore” in Heb. 6:1.
2. According to 6:1-3, how does the author encourage those who were tempted to forsake Christianity and return to Judaism?
3. Observe the change in pronouns in 6:4-6. What does this imply about the new group of people being spoken of, and how does that group differ from the “we” and “you” in previous verses?

4. What advantages did this unbelieving group of people experience in Hebrews 6:4-5?
5. Heb. 6:3-6, What is the consequence for those people who have full knowledge of the gospel and have received the benefits of association with God's people, yet fall away? (The Greek word for "fallen away" could be translated more accurately as "fallen alongside." The "those" of 6:4-6 were not joined with the Hebrew believers, but instead ran parallel alongside them.)
6. How do Matthew 7:21-23, 2 Peter 2:20-21, and 1 John 2:18-19 help deepen your understanding of the passage in Hebrews? What is the consequence of rejecting Christ?
7. From the following texts, summarize in 1 or 2 sentences the accounts of the following individuals. How did they appear to be true believers and benefit from being associated with the people of God and the work of God, and how was their true heart conditions revealed?
  - Judas: Matt. 26:14-14, 47-50; Matt. 27:3-10; and John 12:4-6
  - Demas: Colossians 4:14 and 2Tim 4:10
  - Simon the Sorcerer: Acts 8:9-24
8. How did Judas and Simon the Sorcerer demonstrate the inability to repent? Compare their worldly sorrow to the godly sorrow of true repentance. See 2 Corinthians 7:8-11