

Hebrews 6:4-8

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Introduction: "For..." This is related to the milk v.s. solid food that immediately precedes. What can happen to those who lose sight of Jesus? What can happen to those who are not embracing Him (for justification, sanctification, and glorification) and pressing on to maturity in Him?

1. With God, some things are impossible: there is a point of no return for repentance, which God alone can grant (v4a, 6a, cf. Ac 11:18, 2Tim 2:24)
2. This should be a most terrifying truth:
 - a. Because it is impossible to know when you've gotten there (e.g. 1Cor 5:5)
 - b. Because of to whom this can happen (cf. Matt 7:21-23)
 - i. Once enlightened. Have received a genuine understanding of the Scriptures (e.g. Pharisees, Matt 23:1-3 ff.)
 - ii. Tasted the heavenly gift. In context, this must be Christ Himself. They know and appreciate that Jesus is wonderful.
 - iii. Partakers (partners with) the Holy Spirit. Active members of a genuine church, with the genuine gospel, and genuine Spirit-powered church life. "In Your name, did we not..."
 - iv. Tasted the good word of God. Not only understanding the Scriptures, but appreciating how the Bible alone shows the path of true righteousness. They "get" the milk... maybe even solid food.
 - v. Tasted the powers of the age to come. They can see real sanctification around them and have enjoyed the benefits of being around true believers.
3. This should be a most grievous truth:
 - a. Christ's crucifixion, ultimately, means little to them. Christ Himself means little to them. They wouldn't care if He had to go through it again.
 - b. Christ's glory means nothing to them. They don't mind displaying that they would have Him as their servant but refuse to own Him as their Lord.
4. What then shall we do?
 - a. God alone can help us. We need to drink in His word to come down upon us like rain (v7, cf. v2, Eph 5:26, Isa 55:10-11). And when we do, we will say, "God has blessed me!"
 - b. But if we resist His Word, the fruit will show in our lives. We will produce only evidence of our fallenness (v8, cf. Gen 3:18). And instead of "God has blessed me!" We will say, "God will be right, soon, to curse me, and to burn me forever!"

Conclusion: Consider Christ! Not only is He worthy of Your whole life, and therefore of your "drinking in" His Word. But He is ready and willing to give that salvation that depends entirely upon Him!