

# Hebrews

6:3-6

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1. "who have once been enlightened"
2. "who have tasted the heavenly gift"
3. who "have shared in the Holy Spirit"
4. who "have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come"
5. who "have fallen away"

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## Hebrews 6:18

"it is impossible for God to lie"

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## Hebrews 10:4

"For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

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## Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please him."

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Hebrews 5:11-12

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Ephesians 1:7-10

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Colossians 2:16-17

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Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 8:14-24

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Ephesians 4:7-8

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Association with great people of God does not necessarily make you a person of God.

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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.

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Matthew 7:21-23

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What does Jesus call these "close" associates of Christianity?

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Even though they were right in the middle of where God was doing amazing things they remained "workers of lawlessness" who were not entering into heaven.

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Could that be someone here today?  
Could that be you?

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Hebrews 3:7-12

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Hebrews 2:1-4

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What is meant by fall away?

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Hebrews 3:12-19

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What does it look like for the Jews that the author of Hebrews is writing to, to fall away?

It is a return to the Old Covenant, the sacrificial system, and the earthly priest, etc.

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Matthew 27:41-43

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Every time they made a sacrifice at the temple, they were rejecting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and joining with those rejected and crucified Him.

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Participation in the things of God and association with the people of God, does not equal salvation.

This passage serves as a warning for all people to check their hearts to make sure that their surroundings do not serve to camouflage their heart of unbelief.

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1. In a church, effort should be made to ensure that its membership is made up of believers, yet humans are not omniscient. The author of Hebrews is well aware of his limited knowledge of the absolute condition of every person's soul to whom he is writing, and multiple times teaches that true faith is revealed by something other than being associated with believers or professing to be a believer.
  - a) What is the proof to which he often refers? This is a key point in Hebrews 6, but also in Hebrews 3:6, 14 and 4:11.
  - b) Sometimes, for a season, a non-Christian may look like and speak like a Christian. However, over time it may become clear that they are not. What should your role be, if you find this to be the case with someone that you know quite well?
2. Judas Iscariot is known to us as the traitor who betrayed Jesus. When we read his name in the New Testament, we know that he was not a true believer (John 6:70, John 17:12). However, the other Disciples had no idea. Read Matthew 26:17-25. Think of the closeness of Judas to Jesus, sound doctrine, believers, and to the mighty works of Jesus, and yet he still remained an unrepentant, unbelieving sinner. Is it surprising to you that someone can look so much like a believer, that not even the other disciples could see the difference? How should we apply such information to our lives and to the lives of those that we are around the most?
3. The Israelites in the desert were tempted to fall away by going back to Egypt. The Israelites that the author of Hebrews is writing to are tempted to fall away by returning to the Old Covenant, priest, sacrifices, and temple. That is what tempted them to fall away, but what about you? Each person is tempted to fall away by things in their own reality. What have you seen that has drawn professing Christians away in our day?
4. Though Christians should desire to be around one another (Hebrews 3:13 and 10:25), sometimes unbelievers will also desire to be around Christians.
  - a) What are some possible reasons that this could be the case?
  - b) How can we help such a person to see that being associated with Christians is not the same as being a Christian?