

# No Repentance Possible

Sermon 15 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 6:4-6

This difficult passage on the surface seems to say one can lose their salvation – but we know from systematic theology and a host of Scriptures that this is not possible.

### I. Exegetical Observations

#### A. Three Vital Questions

1. What is impossible?
2. Why is it impossible?
3. Who are these “ones” who have fallen away?
  - 1) They were once enlightened,
  - 2) They have tasted the heavenly gift
  - 3) They have become partakers of the Holy Spirit
  - 4) They have tasted the good word of God
  - 5) They have tasted the powers of the age to come,

#### B. The Key Words

1. **Impossible** – same word used in **Heb. 6:18**
2. **Once** – once for all, and never again -- see **Heb. 9:26**
3. **Enlightened** – To cause something to be fully known by revealing clearly and in some detail. – **2 Cor. 4:6 (and its context)**
4. **Tasted** – A figurative expression. “We taste things and then either receive or refuse them”. John Owen
5. **Partakers** – One who shares with someone as a companion or a partner – **Heb. 1:9** (companion)
6. **Powers of the age to come** -- we live in the age of fulfillment.
7. **Fall away** – to abandon a former relationship or association.  
To forsake or turn away.
8. **Renew to Repentance** – no salvation outside of Christ.
9. **Crucify again the Son of God** – ties in with Hebrews 10:29.
10. **Put to an open shame** – To cause people to think bad about or everyone to speak in whispers about.

## II. Interpretations that cannot be Correct

- A. This passage teaches you can “lose your salvation”.
- B. This passage is merely hypothetical.
- C. This passage addresses leaving the faith  
While there is truth here – more than backsliding or leaving the faith  
Temporarily is in view.

## III. Similar Warning Passages

Other passages which we can put under the category of “the unpardonable sin”.

Hebrews 10:26-29

Hebrews 10:39

Hebrews 3:12

1 John 2:19

1 John 5:16-18 – Mounce -- <sup>18</sup> We know that everyone who has been born of God does not continue to sin but the one who was born of God (Christ) protects him and the evil one will not harm him.

Luke 12:10; Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:20-30 (read 20-22; 28-30)

## IV. The Unpardonable Sin

- A. Is it possible to commit this sin today?
- B. Who is in danger of committing it?  
Matt. 28:11-15
- C. Defining the Sin

## Final Applications:

1. If you are concerned that you might have committed it, you haven't.
2. To commit this sin, it appears a person has to have knowledge of the truth and then willfully deny the truth and even teach what is false.
3. Christ did not say the Pharisees had committed the sin. He warns them they were in danger of it.
4. The unpardonable sin is not what should cause you the greatest concern.

concern.

Your concern should be to REMAIN in your SIN and REFUSE to embrace Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation.

Unbelief IS NOT the unpardonable sin – because we were all unbelievers at one time.

BUT – if you refuse to believe – and die in your unbelief – you will share the same Hell as those who have committed the unpardonable sin.

Why would you reject the truth?

Why would you refuse to come to Christ for salvation?

Talk to any true Christian – and ask them if they REGRET coming to Christ.

They will tell you – it was the greatest thing that ever happened to them.

Christ didn't come to solve all of your problems  
– but He did come to change your heart,  
--to be with you always,  
--and to give you an inheritance in Heaven.

PRAY

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Benediction: 1 John 5:18 -- We know that everyone who has been born of God does not continue to sin but the one who was born of God (Christ) protects him and the evil one will not harm him.

Announcements:

We have a luncheon and we hope you will stay to fellowship with us. We always have plenty of food, and we are very willing to share.

There is no evening service tonight – but there is a study that is here every Sunday afternoon. You could see Jehad or Aaron to get more information.

THIS IS IMPORTANT:

I HAVE TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION:

Are you listening?

We have prayer meeting this Wednesday at 7:15.

We had a good turnout last month – I hope you will be with us this month.

ARE YOU STILL WITH ME?

Good.

Next Sunday is time change Sunday!

You need to **SPRING FORWARD** – move your clocks ahead.

Our 10am Sunday School will begin at 9am if you don't change your clocks.

Now – do you know what I just did?

I took away your excuse of not knowing next Sunday is time change Sunday!

You are now without excuse. ☺

Let's get ready for the luncheon and some great fellowship together.

PRAY