



July 9, 2023

# JESUS IS GREATER

GROWING IN CHRIST THROUGH HEBREWS

**Welcome!** We are glad that you have joined us. **Our Vision** is to make disciples who make disciples for God's glory.

**Today's sermon** continues our teaching series, *Jesus is Greater: Growing in Christ through Hebrews*. Today's message given by Senior Pastor Jerry Barber is based on Hebrews 6:4-12 and is titled, "So Close and yet So Far."

**If you are our guest today, thank you for joining us.**

Help us get to know you better by completing our connect card. This can be done digitally by scanning the QR code with a smart phone or by filling out a paper card from the chair pocket in front of you. Our volunteers at the welcome desk have a small gift for you, so be sure to stop by and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you.



## What's Happening:

- **VBS Sunday Family Picnic:** Sunday, July 23, 12 pm

On Sunday, July 23 we will host our annual Family Picnic to wrap up VBS week. This year, Harvest will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and sides. Please stop by the welcome desk to RSVP for your family!

- **Prayer Gatherings:** Thursdays (virtual), 7:30 am and Sundays, 9:30 am



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## SO CLOSE AND YET SO FAR | HEBREWS 6:4-12

**It is incredibly dangerous to receive God's revelation but fall short of regeneration.**

**Context:** After encouraging the audience to press on to maturity at the beginning of Hebrews 6, the writer issues an incredibly serious (and difficult) warning, followed by some powerful assurance.

**Two major possibilities for this warning:**

- 1) Genuine Christians can fall away \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) People close to Christianity but never really saved can \_\_\_\_\_.

**How this warning passage flows:**

1. Warning: Don't fall away from \_\_\_\_\_ (4-6).
2. Metaphor: There are two \_\_\_\_\_ (7-8).
3. Assurance: God is just and there is hope for \_\_\_\_\_ (9-12).

**Final notes:**

- Possibility of mixed assembly
- Danger of intense religious experience without salvation
- Examples of falling short of saving faith
- The seriousness of apostasy
- Other NT teaching on the perseverance of the believer