

Leaving, Not Losing, One's Faith Hebrews 6:4-8

- 1) True faith can never be lost (John 6:37, 39; 10:28; 17:2, 24; Rom. 8:31-39; Eph. 1:13-14)
 - a) Some will fall away—*apostatize* (Matt. 13:5-7, 20-21; 1 John 2:19; 5:16)
 - b) Some believe they're saved but are not (Matt. 7:21-23)
- 2) Some claim to believe but have become "dull of hearing" (6:1)
 - a) They major in minor details
 - b) They cannot handle solid food (biblical doctrine) but only milk
- 3) Some have everything needed for salvation yet aren't secure (6:4-5)
 - a) Enlightened to the truth of the gospel (e.g., Satan; demons)
 - b) Have tasted of the heavenly gift (e.g., Balaam; Judas Iscariot)
 - c) Been made partakers of the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor. 7:14)
 - d) Have tasted the word of God and the powers to come (e.g., Herod Antipas)
- 4) If one falls away from the faith after receiving adequate knowledge, it is impossible for them to return (6:6; cf. Jer. 7:16; 11:14; 14:11)
- 5) Want assurance for salvation? Mature in your faith (6:7-8)
 - a) Ground that takes in rain and produces fruit is blessed
 - b) Ground that takes in rain but produces thorns is cursed

