

# **Eternal Security – Who Are we Discussing?**

## **(Hebrews 6:4-6)**

**#1 – v.4a – These people were once enlightened.**

Also see Ephesians 1:17-18 & Hebrews 10:32.

**#2 – v.4b – These people have tasted the heavenly gift.**

Also see Romans 6:23, John 4:10, Hebrews 2:9.

**#3 – v.4c – These people have become partakers of the Holy Spirit.**

Also see Hebrews 3:1,14 & 12:8.

**#4 – v.5a – These people have tasted the good word of God.**

Also see 1 Corinthians 2:14.

**#5 – v.5b – These people have tasted the powers of the age to come.**

Also see Acts 1:8 (the power of the Holy Spirit).

**#6 – v.6a – These people have fallen away.**

Also see Hebrews 4:9-11.

**#7 – v.6b – These people can NOT be renewed AGAIN to repentance.**

This clearly means they have repented in the past.

# Eternal Security – 3 Main Views

## (Hebrews 6:4-6)

### **View #1 – A person can LOSE their salvation.**

I reject this view because it is based on works or performance.  
Scripture is clear we are saved and remain saved by faith.

### **View #2 – Once Saved, always saved.**

This view holds that nothing can render a person unsaved.  
So, this proposes a person MUST stay saved even if they don't want to. It is hard to believe someone would not want to remain in faith in Jesus...but this passage says it is possible to leave.

### **View #3 – A person can only end salvation by a clear and conscious choice of their free will to walk away from faith in Jesus.**

I believe this is the view this passage teaches.

## Salvation Spectrum



# Examples of the Need to Continue / Persevere in the Faith

## #1 – **Colossians 1:21-23**

23 ... if indeed you continue in the faith...

## #2 – **Acts 14:22**

22 ... exhorting them to continue in the faith...

## #3 – **Romans 11:22-23**

22 ... if you continue in His goodness.

## #4 – **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**

2 ... If you hold fast the word which I preached to you.

## #5 – **1 Timothy 4:1**

1 ... some will depart from the faith.

## #6 – **1 Timothy 4:16**

16 ... Take heed to to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them...

## #7 – **Hebrews 3:6**

6 ... who house we are if we hold fast the confidence...and hope firm to the end.

## #8 – **Hebrews 3:14**

14 ... we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.

## #9 – **Hebrews 6:11-15**

11 ... we desire ...each you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end.

12 ... but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises..

## #10 – **Revelation 3:10**

10 ... because you have kept my command to persevere, I will also keep you from...



# **Lessons from the Cities of Refuge**

## **(Hebrews 6:17-18 & Numbers 35)**

**#1 – Numbers 35:6a – God established them.**

He wanted people to have a place to flee for protection.

**#2 – Numbers 35:9-11 – Established for innocent people to be tried.**

Only innocent people could be protected..

**#3 – Numbers 35:12 – Innocent people were to be tried & then protected.**

The city was to keep them safe inside their walls.

**#4 – Numbers 35:13-15 – Anyone could take advantage of this protection.**

This wasn't just for the Jewish people.

**#5 – Numbers 35:16-17 – Guilty people were NOT to be protected.**

They were to be released since sin is not to be protected.

**#6 – Numbers 35:22-25 – The innocent had to stay under the protection of the city until the death of the High Priest.**

And, our High Priest, Jesus, will never die...so we have to stay under His protection until we die.

But, a person could willingly choose to leave this protection.

**#7 – Numbers 35:26-28 – Any person who willingly chose to leave the protection God provided could be killed by the avenger.**

This chapter is about a person knowingly leaving God's protection.