

Vulnerable Faith

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The bible teaches that in the last days or closing days of this age,
many people will fall away from the faith.
If Satan can destroy our faith, then he can destroy our life.

Regardless of what some popular Christian doctrines may teach, the bible teaches that one can fall away from Christ. This happens when one is led away by false teaching and abandons the true faith in Jesus Christ. If we are not continually growing in our faith, then we are digressing in it. This results in our faith becoming vulnerable to being lost altogether. Let us fear the loss of our faith which will result in the loss of our soul. Let us grow in our faith by the continual employment and practice of it in our daily life.

Christianity is the world's most followed religion. Within Christianity there are many diverse doctrinal teachings.

2 Peter 2:1 ¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

“To secretly introduce” is to carefully mix these destructive heresies in alongside elements of truth. These false teachings take away from the person and work of Christ as the Son of God and the power of His salvation.

The epistles in the bible, which make up our New Testament, are struggling with the enemy's working in and among the church.

2 Timothy 4:3–4 ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

There is only one way which leads to eternal life: the strait gate & the narrow way.

Jesus described the entrance to this way as strait, meaning that it was very difficult to get through. Once one enters the gate, they must then follow the road or path that the gate gave entrance to. The way is also described as very difficult to follow. It is a narrow way meaning that one must not go to the left or to the right to avoid the danger of leaving the road altogether.

The narrow way only has one lane. There are no variations of different lanes in which to travel.

Ephesians 4:4–6 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

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Once we enter the gate, we must then move forward along the way. Our spiritual progression is not measured by time, but distance.

Stagnant faith is vulnerable to falling away from the path of righteousness. The author of the book of Hebrews is writing to his recipients to warn them of the danger that they are in of abandoning or departing from their faith in Christ.

The readers of Hebrews have undergone the experience of salvation. They had believed in the Christian doctrines of repentance, baptism, the laying on of hands (the church), the resurrection of the dead, and the coming judgment of God.

When they first believed, they were severely persecuted for it, but remained faithful and undeterred. They had also been active in ministering to others out of the love they had for Christ and other believers. They had been enlightened in the truth, they had tasted of the heavenly gift, they had been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and they had tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come.

But time had passed. They had since neglected their salvation; they had become dull of hearing; they had become stagnant in their faith and, as a result, they had experienced grave spiritual regression.

The writer of Hebrews points them to the people of God who were delivered from their bondage in Egypt, they too, were recipients of the power of God, and they had benefitted from the miracles of God, yet they had failed to continually trust Him. Their lack of faith led to their disobedience and because of their disobedience, they were not allowed into the rest of God.

This teaching in Hebrews does not fit in well with John Calvin's "perseverance of the saints" without some scholarly calisthenics.

According to the warning given here in the bible, It is possible for one to neglect, abandon, and even reject their faith causing them to fall away from Christ.

Faith is not idle or passive. If you're not moving forward then you are falling back.

Faith that is not employed becomes useless for one's deliverance in the trial; useless to aid in the victory over sin and this world, and it's definitely not a faith that can help snatch others from the clutches of Satan.

For many, faith equals attending church once a week. Outside of that it goes neglected. This kind of faith is powerless in the life of the Christian and in the work of the kingdom.

Hebrews 5:12–14 ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Hebrews 6:1–3 ¹ Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do, if God permits.

Conclusion:

Hebrews 6:7–8 ⁷ For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; ⁸ but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

Add to your faith.../ Faith without works is dead... / If salt loses its savor...

Hebrews 3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,