



# SUNDAY MORNING

## AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Title:** What Will This Rain Produce?

**Passage:** Hebrews 6:4-8

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**Introduction:** Most of us are dangerously comfortable with the word "later." We delay car repairs, phone calls, and bills, often laughing off the procrastination until the cost of that delay finally catches up to us. While "later" might be a minor nuisance in our daily schedules, Hebrews 6 warns us that it is a spiritual tragedy when applied to the things of God. This passage is written to interrupt the assumption that we always have more time to respond, obey, or take truth seriously. When God continues to pour out His grace and we continue to delay, the issue shifts from a matter of timing to a matter of fruitfulness. Today, we will face this challenging warning honestly, asking three vital questions to understand what the Holy Spirit is saying to a heart that is tempted to drift.

### I. Can a Christian Really Know They Are Saved Forever?

We have a secure salvation because God's Word says so. There are many Scriptures that assure the believer that once he is saved, he can never be lost again.

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; And they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:27-29)*



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It is not a question of your ability to hold on to Him. It is His ability to hold on to you.

**II. How Is It Possible for Anyone to Come So Close and Still Not Be Saved? (Verses 4-6a)**

A taste is exposure without surrender. This precisely describes many of God's chosen people.

There are people who sit under faithful preaching year after year. They know the vocabulary, the stories, and the doctrines. They can spot theological error faster than they can spot sin in their own lives, and yet the heart remains untouched.

Scripture consistently warns us that repeated exposure without obedience leads to hardening.

*"...To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts..."*  
(Hebrews 3:7-8)

*"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again..."* (Proverbs 24:16)

A true believer may stumble, fall, or sin grievously. But falling away is something far more serious. To fall away is not to fall into sin. It is to depart from Christ Himself.

**III. Is It Possible to Truly Be a Christian and Have No Fruit? (Verses 7-8)**

*"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."* (Matthew 7:20)

If Christ has truly taken root in a heart, there will be growth, change, obedience, and movement, even if imperfect and slow.



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A heart that has been saved by Christ cannot remain indifferent to a world without Christ. A church that has truly drunk in the rain of the gospel will not remain content producing nothing outwardly.

*“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.” (1 Corinthians 3:15).*

Missions is not a distraction from the Christian life. It is evidence of it. When a blessed and resourced church refuses to bear fruit for the lost, Hebrews warns that it risks losing blessing, usefulness, and eternal reward, not salvation.

**Conclusion:** The warnings in Hebrews 6 remind us that spiritual privilege, the rain of God’s Word and grace, is never given for mere admiration, but for action. As we conclude our missions emphasis, we must recognize that God has poured out His truth upon us not just to stir our emotions, but to produce fruit. A living faith naturally extends beyond itself, carrying the gospel to those who have never heard. Today, the question is no longer theoretical: will this season of rain result in a harvest of obedience, or will it leave us barren? God has been faithful to send the light; now, our response determines whether that light leads to a legacy of blessing or the tragedy of a missed moment.

