

**HEBREWS:
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

**Falling Away
Hebrews 6:4-12
December 7, 2017**

6:4-6 I. Falling away FROM what?

:4-5 A. From TRUE faith and repentance?

1. Hypothetically?
2. Actually?

:4-5 B. From PROFESSED faith and repentance?

1. Once enlightened (cf. 1 John 1:7, 2:19)
2. Tasted the heavenly gift (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:1-5)
3. Shared in the Holy Spirit (cf. Luke 9:1-5, 10; 10:1, 17-20)
4. Tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come (cf. Acts 8:9-13, 18-24)

:6 C. From SECOND faith and repentance

1. Not impossible FORGIVENESS (1 John. 1:9; Luke 22:31-34; John. 21:17)
2. But impossible REPENTANCE (cf. Hebrews 12:16-17)
3. Because FINAL answer (cf. Mark 3:22-30)

:7-8 II. Falling away LIKE what?

A. Like watered land producing a useful crop

B. Versus watered land producing thorn and thistles

1. Worthless (cf. Matthew 7:15-20; 13:36-43)
2. Near to being cursed (cf. Luke 13:6-9)
3. Burned (cf. Matthew 7:19)

:9-12 III. Falling away, SO What?

:9-10 A. Assurance of BETTER things

1. Because God is not UNJUST
2. Because you are not UNFRUITFUL
 - a. Fruitful WORK in his name
 - b. Fruitful LOVE for his name

:11-12 B. Desire for FOUR things

1. Earnestness (cf. 2 Peter 1:10)
2. Full assurance (cf. 1 John 5:11-13)
3. Faith (cf. Hebrews 11)
4. Patience (cf. Revelation 2-3)

AMEN Discussion Questions – Hebrews 6:4-12

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1. Have you ever known anyone who “fell away” from Christianity, such that they were once fully involved in the Christian community as a trusted brother or sister in Christ but later repudiated the gospel? What do you think happened?
2. (6:4-5) Do you think the four verbs used in these verses to describe those who might fall away could be describing true, regenerate believers in Christ? Why or why not?
3. (6:6) The word “impossible” is used 4 times in Hebrews (6:4; 6:18; 10:4; and 11:6). What is said to be impossible in each of those verses, and could “impossible” mean “very difficult”? Why is “repentance” said to be impossible in 6:4-6?
4. (6:7-8) Do you think the author’s agricultural illustration clarifies or obscures verses 4-6? Why?
5. (6:9-10) After the good things listed in 6:4-5, why did the author expect “better” things of his readers in 6:9-10? What reasons does he give in these verses to justify his assurance?
6. (6:11-12) Of the four things the author desires for his readers in verses 11 and 12, which one is most convicting or desirable for you? How might you take action this week to make that characteristic of a Christian more prominent in your life?

GOING DEEPER

1. Which is the greater danger in the Christian church in the twenty-first century, over-confident assurance of salvation or over-anxious fear of losing salvation? How might this passage help combat that danger?
2. “If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”