



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Hebrews 6:4-8 (NAS)

Topic: "The Sin Beyond Repentance"

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| 4 | For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,                       |
| 5 | and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,   |
| 6 | and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.     |
| 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.   |

### **I. SOME SCRIPTURES ARE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND**

- A. They Take More Time And Study
- B. They Are Still Very Valuable

### **II. TWO INTERPRETIVE APPROACHES WHICH SHOULD BE REJECTED**

#### A. Armenian View

1. Rejects the idea of eternal security *John 6:47; 1 John 5:11*
2. Rejects the doctrine of perseverance of the saints
3. They say serious sins result in loss of salvation *1 John 2:19*
4. Many Scriptures contradict this view *John 6:47; 6:40; 10:47-49; Romans 8:35-39*

#### B. Anti-Lordship View

1. If one verbally claims to trust in Christ one is eternally saved
2. One may lose rewards by their worldly lifestyle.
3. Contradictions to this view: Judas *II Corinthians 10:5; 1 John 2:3,4*

### **III. TWO INTERPRETIVE APPROACHES WHICH ARE BIBLICALLY MORE ACCEPTABLE**

#### A. The Hypothetical Statement View

1. It is given as a strong warning
2. It acknowledges true believers cannot lose salvation
3. Problem: It argues from a position of what could not occur

#### B. Speaks Of A Person Who Looks Like A Christian But Is Not

1. It warns Hebrews who were part of the church not to return to Judaism
2. It was a problem evidenced by Israelites in the wilderness
3. The analogy is verses. 7-8 explains verses 4-6

### **APPLICATION:**

- 1. It is dangerous to dabble in Christianity**
- 2. It is dangerous to profess faith in Christ and not practice it**  
*Galatians 5:19-23*
- 3. It is dangerous not to be regularly involved in repentance.**