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Introduction

This passage is arguably the most difficult and controversial in the entire New Testament



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Who wrote the book of Hebrews?

We don't know



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Who was the book of Hebrews written to?

We don't know



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Why was Hebrews written?

To show the supremacy of Christ



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I. The Problem



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Hebrews 6:1

“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God”



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I. The Problem

When you see a “Therefore” you need to
go back and see what it is there for



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Hebrews chapters 1 & 2:

Argues that Jesus is more supreme than anyone or anything,
even more glorious than the angels

Hebrews chapter 3:

Argues that Jesus is greater than Moses

Hebrews chapter 4:

Argues that Jesus is a truer and better High Priest



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I. The Problem

Hebrews chapter 5:

The writer wants to explain how Jesus is a truer and better High Priest according to the Order of Melchizedek.



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Hebrews 5:11-12

“About this (Melchizedek) we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God (The Old Testament). You need milk, not solid food...”



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I. The Problem

Hebrews 5:13-14

“...for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1-3)



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What is the spiritual condition
of the people that the writer is
addressing in Hebrews 6:1-6?



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Is it possible to lose your salvation
once you are genuinely saved?



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Whenever you come to a difficult passage,
you always want to interpret it through
the lens of all the clear passages in Scripture



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“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”

The Greek word translated leave: ἀφίημι (aphiēmi)

Means to send away, to depart, to divorce oneself from



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1)

“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”

The Greek word translated elementary: ἀρχή (archē)

Means the beginning, the original, the first in a series



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1)

“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”

The Greek word translated Christ: Χριστός (christos)

Means the Anointed One or Messiah



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“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”

The Greek word translated maturity: τελειότης (teleiotēs)

Means completeness or perfection



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1)

“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”

Therefore, depart and divorce yourself from the beginning, elementary teachings about Messiah and move on from them to perfection and completeness.



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1-3)

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1-3)

- 1) repentance from dead works
- 2) faith toward God
- 3) instruction about washings
- 4) the laying on of hands
- 5) the resurrection of the dead
- 6) and eternal judgment



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II. The Position (Hebrews 6:1-3)

Leave the beginning teachings about
Messiah found in the Old Testament
and **MOVE ON** to the one true
Messiah, Jesus Christ!



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)



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“For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.”



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

The Greek word translated impossible: ἀδύνατος (adynatos)

Means impossible, not possible, unable,
impotent, powerless, disabled, unable to be done.



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

Hebrews 10:4

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is
impossible to please Him (God).”



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

Hebrews 6:18

“...so that by two unchangeable things,
in which it is impossible for God to lie...”



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

- 1) They had once been enlightened
- 2) They had tasted the heavenly gift
- 3) They had shared in the Holy Spirit
- 4) They had tasted the goodness of the Word of God
- 5) They had tasted the powers of the age to come



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

1) They had once been enlightened

Enlightened: to possess intellectual knowledge,
to be mentally aware of something



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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

2) They had tasted the heavenly gift

Heavenly Gift: Jesus Christ and salvation in His Name



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2) They had tasted the heavenly gift

Tasted: to test or try something in order to make a decision about whether you want to consume it



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3) They had shared in the Holy Spirit

Shared: To be associated with

This word relates to association, not possession



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4) They had tasted the goodness of the Word of God



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5) They had tasted the powers of the age to come





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III. The Peril (Hebrews 6:4-6)

“For it is impossible. . . (to have all the evidence) and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding Him up to contempt.”



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IV. The Picture (Hebrews 6:7-8)



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“For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.”



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IV. The Picture (Hebrews 6:7-8)

The fruit your heart brings forth reveals whether or not you have been regenerated in Christ



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V. The Promise (Hebrews 6:9)

“Though we speak in this way, yet in your case,
beloved, we feel sure of better things —
things that belong to salvation.”



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V. The Promise (Hebrews 6:4 & 9)

Hebrews 6:4

“For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift . . .

Hebrews 6:9

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things — things that belong to salvation.”



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V. The Promise (Hebrews 6:10-12)

“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”



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V. The Promise (Hebrews 6:9-12)

If I believe that there is a work that I could do that could undo the work that God had done in me, then am I not believing in a works-based salvation?



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V. The Promise (John 10:27-30)

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”



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V. The Promise (Romans 8:35; 37-39)

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



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V. The Promise (1 Peter 1:3-5)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”



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“Thank God my salvation does not depend upon my frail hold on Him, but of His Almighty grasp on me.”

Martin Lloyd Jones



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Conclusion:

Don't take my word for it, get into your Bible and read it for yourself, and see if this agrees with the whole counsel of Scripture

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