



Dear Crossroads Family,

One of the most perplexing spiritual issues many parents and grandparents often face is the lack of interest in church by their grown children. Sometimes their children who were raised in the church and professed faith in Jesus as children or teens even begin to show not only disinterest but even disdain for the faith they formerly claimed. In this case, parents and grandparents pray for their children, remembering Proverbs 22:6 which says, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Yet, it can seem that even with that promise to cling to and even after faithful prayers offered up for them, these grown children still show little or no movement back toward the faith they previously professed.

What has happened in these situations, we may wonder. Did the child never really experience a genuine saving relationship to Jesus? Is it possible that they have renounced their faith and are no longer saved? Does the doctrine of the security of the believer allow for the possibility that a saved person might seem to walk away from the Lord for a time and still be covered by the saving grace of Jesus?

This Sunday’s message, “*What About Those Who Turn Their Backs?*,” will attempt to answer these kinds of questions by looking closely at **Hebrews 6:1-12**. (Sermon notes are provided below.) The message is an important one as we try to better understand the security we have in Jesus Christ who loved us and gave His life for us. I hope you will make it a priority to be present for both Bible study and worship this coming Sunday. Let’s grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ together.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Bro. Doug

What About Those Who Turn Their Backs?

Hebrews 6:1-12

Is it true that some people were genuinely saved but lost their salvation by choosing to surrender their _____? If so, the doctrine of the security of the believer must be _____. At first glance, it seems that Heb. 6 says you can surrender your salvation card, but you can’t _____.

The letter to the Hebrews is really a sermon with a single purpose: Motivate Christians to go _____ in _____ in the face of hardship, difficulty, and _____. The central, motivating verse of Hebrews is 3:14. It doesn’t say “if we hold on to the end, we _____ be saved.” It says, “We have _____ been saved, if we hold on to the end.” To put it another way, the only _____ of genuine salvation is _____.

Hebrews warns that there were those who, by every _____, seem to be saved but have returned to Judaism. To us, they _____ to be saved. But the only sure proof of genuine salvation will

be perseverance. John wrote clearly what Hebrews 6 is conveying in 1 John 2:19.

The overwhelming teaching of Scripture is that the person who has been truly saved _____ their salvation or _____ turn away from Jesus. (See **Rom. 8:29, Phil. 1:6, John 10:27, John 15:8.**)

This text is a warning that only eternal _____ from God awaits those who hear and participate in everything the Christian faith has to offer, even convincing others of their faith, and then turn their backs on Christ. If what Jesus has done isn't _____ for them now, it never will be. It is impossible for them to return.

Rom. 10:13 says “_____ calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **John 6:39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall _____ of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. Claim these promises. Every day of serving the Lord will add another layer of proof that His promises are true ____ !

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