

## Let's Study Hebrews Together; **6;1-8**

1. Please put **V1-3** in your own words; there are elementary principles of our faith that must be taught and adhered to such as, repentance from dead works, faith toward God, the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. But we must move on to other things that instruct in our Christian walk.
  - a. What does it mean to go on to perfection? **Perfection is not being without sin, that belongs to Jesus alone, but seeking God with all our heart, mind, and soul.**
  - b. What is the foundation of repentance based on dead works? **Trying to prove you salvation but what you do, rather than what He has done.**
  - c. In **V2** talk about the doctrines mentioned; **repentance is turning away for self and toward God, faith is living as if you believe all the promises of God, baptism is a public testimony of our faith before God and men, eternal judgment is believing that all who reject God will receive an eternal judgment, not a temporary judgment.**
  
2. Now put **V4-6** in your own words; **this is a very difficult portion of scripture, not to understand, but to not put personal doctrine in contradiction. I don't think there is any doubt this portion is speaking of a believer; enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,**
  - a. This portion seems to make it clear that a person who has walked away from the LORD it is impossible renew them to repentance again. Understanding that the conjunction if in **V6** is an inserted word and not in the original language, and the assumed word is when, how would you interpret this

portion. There is a security we have in our salvation, but it is not to be taken lightly. Like the frog in a pot of cool water this happens gradually. No believer wakes up one day and says; I think I will turn from the Lord. *(I have known a few, not many, who were on fire for the LORD for a number of years and have become opponents of the gospel either by outward denial of salvation, or by the life they live.)*

b. What does it mean; to crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame? **Jesus already died for our sin, and if that sacrifice is rejected there is no other sacrifice for sin.** *(Yet I don't know fully what this means.)*

3. Now put **V7-8** in your own words; **if we are saved we are to produce fruit in keeping with repentance, if we only produce thorns and briars then where is the testimony of our faith.**

a. What is the difference between those who cultivate a good crop and those who produce thorns? **For a good crop to be harvested it requires the constant pulling up of weeds, crops not tended leads to either a poor harvest, or no harvest.**