

Having Done All These Things: Comments on Hebrews 6:4-6a

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- I. Introduction
 - A. False Christians
 - B. Failed Christians
 - C. Fruitless Christians
- II. The Writer is Referring to Christians
 - A. There is no conditional in the Greek in v. 6.
 - B. The expression "having been enlightened" is used in Hebrews 10:32 to describe his Christians readers.
 - C. They are described as "having tasted of the heavenly gift" and of "the good word of God and of the powers of the age to come."
 - D. They are "partakers of the Holy Spirit."
- III. A Christian Cannot Lose His Eternal Life
 - A. The Doctrine
 - B. The Case for Eternal Security
 1. PERISH: It is not God's will that we perish. Matt. 18:12-14; John 6:37-39
 2. PRAYER: Jesus prayed for us. John 17:15, 20
 3. POWER: God is powerful: Nothing can separate us (from without). John 10:28-29
 4. PRESERVATION: God preserves us from ultimately falling (from within). 1 Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12
 5. PRESENT TENSE: Eternal life is present tense. John 3:36; John 5:24; John 6:47; 1 John 5:11-13
 6. PREDESTINATION: We're predestined to adoption and conformation. Eph 1:5; Rom. 8:29
 7. PROTECTION: We're sealed by the Spirit. Eph. 1:13; 4:30
 8. PROMISE: The Spirit is an earnest or guarantee. Eph. 1:14
 9. PERFECT: Christ's work is perfect. Heb. 7:25; 9:12; 10:14
 - C. Problem Verses for Eternal Security
 1. Dealing with "problem" verses in general on any topic
 2. Dealing with "problem" verses in general on eternal security
 3. Specific Problem Verses
 - a. Galatians 5:4
 - b. Hebrews 10:26-30
 - c. Matthew 24:13
 - d. Matthew 12:31-32
 - e. 1 Corinthians 9:27
 - f. Revelation 3:5
 - g. Revelation 22:19
- IV. Resolving the Apparent Problems in Hebrews 6:4-6a
 - A. First, how is it possible for a Christian to fall away?
 - B. Second, what does being renewed to repentance mean?
 - C. Third, how is it that it is impossible to renew such ones to repentance?
 - D. Fourth, how can it be that those Christians can be described as those who "crucify again for themselves the Son of God, put Him to open shame ... rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned"?