

# Hard Questions: Can a believer lose salvation?

Hebrews 6

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1. Verses 4-5 outline four experiences for people who claim to have had real relationship with Jesus:
  - Enlightened – had some revelation of Jesus
  - Tasted the Heavenly gift – claimed relationship with Jesus
  - Shared in the Holy Spirit – experiences influences from the Holy Spirit
  - Tasted the goodness of the Word of God – knowledge of the message
2. The Light of the gospel broke in on their darkness, but seeing God's light & accepting God's light are not the same thing. (Matthew 4:16)
3. Part of the work of the Holy Spirit is in drawing people to Jesus, He gives a spiritual taste, but He will not force us to eat.
4. The Bible never speaks of a true Christian being 'associated' with the Holy Spirit; it only speaks of the Holy Spirit being within them.
5. There are those who claim a relationship with God, but finally turn away, either verbally or through life choices, demonstrating that they never actually knew Him. (Matthew 7:21-23)
6. It is not wrong to taste God's Word, but some people stop at tasting. Before long, the appeal is gone & they become indifferent.
7. A person can hear the truth of God's Word, encounter the Holy Spirit, even engage, but not respond to salvation, thereby never being a true believer.
8. Repentance is the human side of the equation. It is possible to resist the Grace of God to the point where the heart is in a state where repentance is an impossibility. (Romans 1:28)
9. God can handle a life full of sins and regrets, and much more; There comes a point in which a person is unable to repent because of the hardness of their heart.

- 10.** A true believer never needs to fear the loss of salvation, he is eternally secure, because God is the one who holds us. (John 6:39, Romans 11:29, Philippians 1:6, 1 Peter 1:5, John 10:27-29, Romans 8:35, 38-39)
- 11.** If you can lose your salvation, it would have to mean that you did something to gain it. Salvation is a gift of God, and God's gifts are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29)

## GREEK WORDS

**Phōtizō (fo-tid'-zo)** to give light by teaching; to shine or to brighten up :- illuminate, make to see

**Metochos (met'-okh-os)** participant, a sharer; by implication an associate (secondary)

## QUOTES

*"...an impenetrable casing which removes all sensitivity to the pleadings of the Spirit"*  
~**Dr. Donald Guthrie**

## SONG TITLES

Brethren We Have Met to Worship - **Traditional**  
Are You Washed in the Blood/I'll Fly Away - **Traditional**  
Lord I Need You - **Passion Worship**  
I'm Going Free - **Vertical Worship**