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# Can **Salvation** be **Lost** and never **regained?**

*Hebrews 6:3-9*

Part 2

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## Hebrews 6:4-6

- 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
- 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
- 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

# “Once Enlightened” (ἄπαξ φωτισθέντας)

- Meaning: To be “enlightened” = to receive light, knowledge, or understanding.
- It often refers to intellectual or spiritual exposure
- John 1:9 – Christ “enlightens every man” (not all are saved)
- **A real past experience - Something done to them**
- Not proof of ongoing state
- Not proof of regeneration

# **“Once Enlightened” (ἅπαξ φωτισθέντας)**

- So this can mean:
- Clear exposure to the truth of the gospel without true conversion

# “Tasted the Heavenly Gift” (γευσάμενους)

- **Key Insight: “Tasted” ≠ fully received**
- Greek γεύομαι (geuomai) = to sample, experience, but not necessarily consume fully
- Hebrews 2:9 – Jesus “tasted death” - But not ultimately consumed by it.
- In Hebrews 6:
- This likely means they experienced something real—but not savingly appropriated it


# “Partakers of the Holy Spirit” (μετόχους)

- This is one of the strongest phrases—but still not conclusive for salvation.
- **Key word:** μέτοχος (metochos) = associate, companion—not necessarily indwelt
- Same word used here:
- Hebrews 3:14 – “partakers of Christ IF we hold fast”
- Matthew 7:22–23 - People: prophesied - cast out demons - did miracles - Yet Christ says: “I never knew you”

# **“Partakers of the Holy Spirit” (μετόχους)**

They experienced the Spirit’s power,  
not necessarily His indwelling  
presence

# “Tasted the Good Word of God”

- This means:
- Heard powerful preaching - Experienced conviction -  
Saw the beauty of truth
- Ezekiel 33:31–32
- People loved hearing God’s word... but did not obey
-  You can:
- enjoy the Word - be moved by the Word - even agree with the Word ...and still not be saved.

# “Powers of the Age to Come”

- Miracles, signs, kingdom power breaking into the present age
- Example
- Matthew 12:28 – Kingdom power present through miracles
- But witnessing or experiencing miracles ≠ salvation

John 6:26 - People followed Jesus because of miracles—not faith - They experienced kingdom power but lacked true belief

For *it is* impossible.....

- if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

**This is:** a decisive, hardened rejection of Christ after full exposure.

Hebrews 3:7-13

to renew them again to repentance....

- At first glance, ἔσται (will be) might sound like:
- “a heart will become evil”
- But in warning constructions, especially with μήποτε (lest), it often means:
  - 👉 “lest there be found in you...”
  - 👉 “lest it prove to exist in you...”
- This is a preventative warning about what may already be present but hidden.

## Hebrews 3:7-13

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore, I was angry with that generation, And said, ‘**They always go astray in their heart**, And they have not known My ways

## Hebrews 3:7-13

So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ” Beware, brethren, **lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin

## Romans 1:18-32