



THE BOOK OF HEBREWS  
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- E. It is impossible for those who have experienced these five spiritual privileges to lose their salvation and be saved again later
  
- F. Reason
  - 1. It would require a recrucifixion of Messiah:  
Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh
  
  - 2. And put Him to open shame
    - a. It would mean His first death did not provide a complete salvation
  
    - b. His first death did not save to the uttermost
  
- G. If you could fall away and then at some later time you could be saved again, thus a new salvation would erase the responsibility and judgment of the lapse. But since you cannot fall away and be saved again, you must go on to maturity and be bearing fruit
  - 1. Gives natural force to the word "FOR" in verse four - Why we must go on
  
  - 2. In keeping with the context
    - a. Before: Speaks about babyhood and wasted years - The only thing they could do is go on
  
    - b. After: Wasted years when land brought thorns - Nothing could be done about the wasted years; only to bring good crops this year
  
  - 3. Repentance - Refers to salvation repentance
    - a. *Metanoia* - Salvation repentance
  
    - b. *Metamellomai* - Repentance to restore to fellowship
  
- H. If it were possible to fall away and then be saved again (Which it is not), then you could start all over and remove your past mistakes. But since it is not, then you must be warned about how you are now living, and you must go on. Consequences of neglect will be dealt with at the Judgment Seat of Messiah

- I. The impossibility of renewal in view of their spiritual position and privileges in the event a lapse could occur for the reasons stated - They must go on
1. Because of the spiritual privileges you have - (Enlightened, tasted of the heavenly gift, partaker of the Holy Spirit, tasted the Word of God, and know of things to come)  
- You cannot retreat
  2. Because you cannot fall away, you cannot retreat
    - a. Participle "falling away" is unqualified
    - b. Passage strictly says nothing of possibility of falling away
    - c. Author elsewhere has made this impossible - 7:25
    - d. You cannot fall away - Retreat is impossible: Therefore, let us go on to perfection
    - e. Because you cannot re-crucify Jesus, you cannot retreat
  3. If it were possible to fall away, which it is not, you could start the spiritual life all over again. But since it is not possible, be warned of how you are now living, for you must go on since you cannot retreat
  4. It is impossible for those who are saved to fall away and so remove all the wasted years of failure and babyhood, since this would require Christ to die again and put Him to open shame because His first death was not sufficient. Since all of this is impossible and we cannot remove the record of wasted years as a believer, there is only one thing for us to do - Let us go on to maturity
  5. Paraphrase - Leaving babyhood behind, let us go on to maturity for it is impossible by means of a falling away to renew, that is, make the whole record new, by means of initial repentance to salvation since this would necessitate Christ's dying again and make His first death of no avail and therefore a mockery to those looking on.