

The Promise: A Divine Impossibility
Hebrews 6:4-8

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Impossibility (vv.4-6)

- A. "For it is impossible..."
 - 1. The most immediate modifier to verse 3
 - 2. "gar" is not in the NIV, and it weakens the text
 - B. "...to restore them again to repentance..."
 - 1. Those who have fallen away
 - a) "Parapipto" (fallen)
 - b) Enlightened
 - c) Tasted the heavenly gift
 - d) Shared in the Holy Spirit
 - e) Tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come
 - 2. Because they are crucifying Christ again
 - a) To their own harm
 - b) Putting Christ to shame
- (1) **Galatians 5:2-6**
(2) **John 6:38-40**

II. "Avoiding" the Impossibility (vv.7-8)

- A. Discern the fruit
 - 1. The land is parched in either case
 - 2. The same rain falls

- 3. Those who are truly justified bear fruit of justification (resulting in blessing)
- 4. Those who have false assurance do not bear fruit and that is evidenced over time (resulting in burning)
- 5. Only seasons will tell
- 6. Parable of the soils (Mark 4:1-20)
- B. Hold loosely to a religious experience and hold tightly to experiencing Christ
- C. Run to the Throne of Grace
 - 1. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
 - 2. If you find yourself living in sin, this is a warning that is to be heeded.
 - 3. Perhaps you don't see yourself in a pattern of sinfulness, yet you do find that your acceptance and assurance before God is based more on your performance and relative goodness, you are in danger and must run back to the cross. Self-righteousness may not have an immoral expression, but it is reprehensible to God.
- D. Position yourself for Satisfaction
 - 1. If you claim to be a believer in Christ, then you claim that Christ is all-satisfying to you
 - 2. **Jeremiah 17:5-8**