

## Hebrews 6:4-8, Bible Devotions

### ❑ Monday - Enlightened, but not a Light.

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Jesus said, "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world" (Jn. 9:5, cf. 8:12). Christ is not presently in the world (physically), but in His people (spiritually). And so now God's people are the light of the world (Matt. 5:14); more specifically, Christ in His people is the light of the world. But a person without Christ does not have that light in them. Such a person may be "enlightened" by certain Christian principles, yet unsaved; enlightened but not a light. The difference between being enlightened and being a light, is the same as the difference between knowing about God intellectually, and knowing God personally and relationally. Check yourself. Is Christ in you a light to this dark world?

Read Ephesians 5:8-13

### ❑ Tuesday - Tasted, but not Consumed.

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In general, "the heavenly gift" spoken of in Hebrews 6:4 is God's grace. It is described as a *heavenly* gift because it comes from God, and is called a *gift* because it is undeserved. Jesus said that God causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall upon the wicked and the righteous alike (Matt. 5:45). The multitude of *temporal gifts* that even the atheist enjoys are God's general grace. God's own people experience not only general grace, but every *spiritual blessing* in the heavenly places in Christ (Eph. 1:3). Yes, if you are a Christian, you have had far more than a *taste* of God's grace, for you have feasted at the King's table on "the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7-8).

Read Ephesians 2:5-7

### ❑ Wednesday - Partakers of the Holy Spirit.

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An unbeliever, in the company of a truly spirit-filled Christian, should feel the tangible effects of the *fruit of the Spirit* in that Christian's life: real agape love coming from the believer toward the unbeliever, a joy he has never seen before, peace that passes understanding in the believer's life, and genuine patience, kindness and humility. And to the extent that the unbeliever is the recipient and beneficiary of these fruit flowing from the life of the believer, he is a "partaker of the Holy Spirit". Dear Christian, pray to be more filled and controlled by the fruit of the Spirit so that unbelievers will want that beautiful quality of life that is found only in Christ. Read Phil. 2:14-15, Col. 4:5-6

### ❑ Thursday - Religious, but Lost.

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Is it possible for a person to believe that he or she is very close to God and not be close at all? Such was the case of the Pharisees, the religious leaders in Jesus' day. Jesus called them, "blind guides" (v. 16), "hypocrites" (v. 23, 25, 27, 29), "whitewashed tombs" (v. 27), and a "brood of vipers" (v. 33) [see Matthew 23]. Jesus said, "*Many* will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord'... and I will declare to them, 'depart from Me, I never knew you'" (Mt. 7:22-23). Not only is it possible to be mistaken about one's relationship with the Lord, but Jesus said "many" will be in this way self-deceived. Perhaps some earnest introspection and an honest conversation with God is warranted. Read Ephesians 2:5-7

### ❑ Friday - Christianity is not for Dabblers.

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Can a true believer lose his or her salvation? The preponderance of biblical evidence says no. Eternal security is based on: [1] God the Father's immutable decree (Rom. 8:30), His unchanging promises (John 3:16, Heb. 10:23), His protective power (John 10:27-29, 2 Tim. 1:12, 1 Pet. 1:5), and His everlasting love (Psa. 103:17, Rom. 8:38-39); [2] God the Son's payment for all past, present and future sins (Col. 2:14, Heb. 10:14), His constant intercession (Heb. 7:25, 1 John 2:1, Rom. 8:34), and His determination to lose not one of His people (John 6:39); and [3] the Holy Spirit's irreversible regeneration (Titus 3:5), His permanent indwelling (1 Cor. 3:16); and His unbreakable seal (Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30). But of those who walk away from Christianity, John writes, "They went out from us, but they were not really of us" (1 John 2:19). Christianity is not an experiment for dabblers. No, you're either all in or you're out. Read the Scripture references above.