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Who Falls Away? prt.1

Hebrews 6:4-8

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will consider the warnings of vv.5-8 and more specifically a correct understanding of who is described in the texts.

Hebrews road map: The Priesthood of Christ: (5:1 thru 10:18)
Christ Our High Priest Is the Object of Our Confession (5:1—6:20) Christ Is a Priest According to Melchizedek (7:1—7:28) Christ Mediates a Better Covenant (8:1—10:18).

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

First - Analyze the description of those being referred to in the text. **Second** – Briefly review the three most prominent theological interpretations of these texts

- A. GENUINE BELIVER - LOSE of SALVATION.
- B. GENUINE BELIVER - LOSE of REWARDS.
- C. EVIDENCE of a PROFESSOR but NOT GENUINE BELIEVER

Thirdly – Demonstrate which view is most reasonable by immediate context and the harmony of Scripture.

FIRST: ANALYZE the DESCRIPTION of those being referred to.
vv.4-6 Main/Base idea is: “it is impossible...to **renew** them again to repentance.”

“renew” Strong's G340 ἀνακαινίζω anakainizō “to renew, renovate, restore to its previous condition”

- Their SEVEN descriptions: First FOUR can identify temporal, outward professors. Last THREE describe final apostasy.

1) Those who were once enlightened – ‘enlightened’ Strong’s G5461 φωτίζω phōtízō “to enlighten, light up, illumine” can mean either: (a) Saving knowledge, or (b) Head knowledge

Matt. 13:20-21 “...he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.”

2) “...have **tasted** the heavenly **gift**” – ‘tasted’ Strong’s G1089 γεύομαι geúomai “to taste, to try the flavor of”

Gift – the most comprehensive meaning in Scripture is the Gospel as a whole (Jess Christ, the Spirit, Grace of God, etc.)

3) “...have become **partakers** of the Holy Spirit” – ‘partakers’ Strong’s G3353 μέτοχος métochos “sharing in, partaking”

We can participate in the Holy Spirit in one of TWO WAYS:

First – by the Spirit’s personal indwelling and comforting (Savingly).

Mark 1:8 “I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Eph. 1:13 “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”

John 14:17 “the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

Second – by the Spirit’s working or operations (Un-Savingly).

Matt. 7:22-23 “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

4) “...have **tasted** the **good word of God**, and the **powers of the world to come**”

‘word’ Strong’s G4487 ῥῆμα rhēm “that which is or has been uttered by the living voice”

'powers of the world to come' most likely is referring to what the writer described in 2:4 which are also validated over in 1 Cor. 12:10 and we previously observed in Matt.7:22-23.

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION:

Heb. 12:1-2 "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.