

SALVATION'S PROOF IN PERSEVERANCE
(Hebrews 6:9-12)

- I. ESTABLISHED There Is No STARTING OVER (Heb. 6:4-8)
 - A. A hypothetical case SUPPOSING that BELIEVERS could "FALL AWAY" (6:4-6 α)
 - B. If so, would be IMPOSSIBLE to BEGIN AGAIN (6:6 b)
 - 1. GENUINE believers GROW and produce FRUIT (6:7)
 - 2. FALSE professions produce WORTHLESS things to be BURNED (6:8)

- II. CONFIDENT in the FAITH of His Readers (Heb. 6:9-10)
 - A. Calls them "BELOVED"
 - B. Certain of "BETTER THINGS" in them
 - 1. Not "CURSED" and fit for JUDGMENT (v. 8)
 - 2. But "BLESSED" and producing FRUIT (v. 7)
 - C. Affirms they POSSESS SALVATION
 - 1. Shown in their LOVE toward HIS NAME
 - 2. Shown in their MINISTRY to the SAINTS
 - D. Concludes they are SECURE on the basis of GOD'S CHARACTER
 - 1. He is not UNJUST

2. He cannot FORGET their DISPLAY of true FAITH

III. DESIRES Their Continued GROWTH (Heb. 6:11-12)

A. Must be achieved INDIVIDUALLY

B. Focuses on the HOPE of FULL REDEMPTION

1. Already ASSURED that they are SAVED

2. Have not yet ENTERED eternal GLORY

C. Results in the realization of "FULL ASSURANCE"

D. Produces steadfast FAITH "until the END"

E. Requires the "same DILIGENCE" as their LOVING MINISTRY

1. They must not be "SLUGGISH" (cf. 5:11)

2. They must be "IMITATORS" of faithful EXAMPLES

a. Those with TRUE FAITH in Christ ...

b. Those who PATIENTLY ENDURE ...

c. Will "INHERIT the PROMISES"