

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

Hebrews 6:4-6 “It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace.”

Is there hope? Is there any chance for a person who at one time was a practicing Christian and then rejected Jesus to come back to faith in Him? Many of you know individuals who at one time in their life attended church faithfully, participated in Bible study regularly, received the Lord’s Supper and celebrated their Christian faith but no longer do. Can a person who at one time believed in Jesus, intentionally turned their back on Him, come back to Him?

As you read today’s devotional verse, it would appear the answer to the above questions is no. There is no way for a such a person to come back to faith in Jesus. They are doomed to eternity in hell.

There is only one sin that is unforgiveable. It is the sin of unbelief. One who rejects Jesus is an unbeliever. One who at one time worshipped Jesus but turns their back on Him no longer believes in Him. The Scriptures are quite clear, whoever does not believe shall perish. John writes in John 3:18, “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

Did Jesus die for this person’s sin of unbelief? Absolutely! Jesus died for all. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15) Included in the Scriptures teaching that God would have all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) is the person who at one time believed, then rejected Jesus. This person is in need of God’s Law to convict them of their sin and then to hear the Gospel that assures them that Jesus died for their sin of unbelief. “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Christ Jesus our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Prayer: Lord, prevent Satan from ever convincing me I have committed an unforgiveable sin. Bring Your Law to bear upon my sins and Your Gospel to enlighten me to Your forgiveness by Your grace through Your gift of faith in Jesus Your Son. In His holy name. Amen.

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing.
Pardon, peace and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Wearied souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinner doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know; Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.
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