

Q&A Sunday – June 3, 2018 – Tony Hauck

Question: (*Heb 6:4-6*) *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

What is your take on Hebrews 6:4-6? Are there other verses that could help explain it?

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Seems to say a Strong Christian who Falls Away Cannot Repent.

Principle: no dogmatic doctrine from single, disputable verse
must agree with clear bible re: repentance, therefore can't be what it's saying
prodigal son, churches of revelation urged to repent
- described as lost first love, compromising, lukewarm, corrupt, dead

Principle: Context
elementary principle (repentance/faith, vs 1-3), referencing clearly understood doctrine
herbs/thorns (vs 7-8) like wheat/tares (Mt 13)
once saved always saved? – no eternal security (Paul 1 Cor 9:27)
written to Jews about the Messiah – “fall away” = return to law (Gal 5:4)
greek “continually crucify” – just sentence on false Messiah

clearer passage, same language, same book

(*Heb 10:26-29*) *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?*

context: vs 23 – hold fast to your confession, vs 36 – you have need of endurance

Elementary Principle

We must continue in our Faith in Jesus Christ

if we choose to reject Him, there is no other way to be saved

I don't think repentance is impossible for a fallen away believer
but the author intends to communicate the great danger of falling away