

HEBREWS

building your life around Christ

Hebrews 6:4-13 – Week of December 2nd, 2018

⁴ For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. ⁷ For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from

God. ⁸ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

⁹ Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Opening Prayer

Read & Examine – As you read the passage together in its context, consider these questions:

- In your own words, what is the main idea of this *passage*? (Feel free to encourage individuals to read the entire chapter for context.)
- In your own words, what was the main idea of the *sermon*?

Apply – Consider how God intends to use his Word to shape *your* heart and life now.

- When are you most tempted to distance yourself from Christ?
- Where do you seek meaning? What, if you had it, would give you significance? What does this passage speak to about where our meaning is found?
- Characteristically, when I think about change in my life, do I reach for morality or do I reach for Christ? What does it mean to “reach for Christ?”
- What is beautiful about Christ? What do you love about Jesus Christ?
- What is God’s agenda for YOU in response to this passage?
 - What is God’s agenda for you as you apply this passage to your life?
 - How can we as a group help you do that this week?

Pray: Psalm 91:1-7, 14-16

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,

but it will not come near you.

¹⁴ “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;

I will protect him, because he knows my name.

¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.”