

# AT THE BRINK OF SALVATION

## HEBREWS 6:4-8

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: This is the third of five warnings given to this small Hebrew church. The first was to not drift away (Chapter 2), the second was to not turn back (Chapter 3), and the third is to not turn away (Chapter 6, verse 6).

***IT'S POSSIBLE, UNBELIEVER***, to enjoy the “appetizers” of a personal relationship with Jesus and not know Him. Here “Christians are not being addressed, and it is the opportunity for receiving salvation, not salvation itself, that can be lost.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Hebrews, p. 146. (**Hebrews 6:4, 5, fn 6:4-6, Matthew 7:21-23, fn 7:21-23, James 1:21, fn 1:21, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13**) *Why is the message of salvation so urgent?*

***IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, UNBELIEVER***, to expect repentance and salvation if you reject faith in the crucified Son of God and return to your past religion. “To repudiate Christ is to embrace the ‘impossible’” William L. Lane, Word Biblical Commentary: Hebrews 1-8, p.142. (**Hebrews 6:6, fn 6:6, Acts 4:12, fn 4:12, II Peter 2:19-22, fn 2:20-22, Luke 11:24-26, fn 11:24-26, Hebrews 13:5**) *Who is in danger of losing their salvation, the believer or the unbeliever? Explain.*

***IT'S POSSIBLE, BELIEVER***, to know the guarantee of your salvation. But for you, unbeliever, it's impossible for you to avoid eternal damnation apart from Christ. (**Hebrews 6:7, 8, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14, John 10:27-29, fn 10:28, 29, Hebrews 10:26-29, fn 10:26, fn 10:29, John 3:36, fn 3:36[2<sup>nd</sup>]**) *How is perseverance in your relationship with Jesus Christ a guarantee of your salvation?*

*As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?*