

## Impossible to Renew

### Introduction:

- A. What a tragic plight when the doctors say, “We can do no more; death is inevitable.”
- B. The Great Physician warns that some patients are terminal. - Hebrews 6:4-8
- C. What is the plight of one who falls away from Christ?

### I. Past Condition - Hebrews 6:4-5

- A. “were once enlightened”: said only of true followers of Christ - cf. John 8:12
- B. “have tasted of the heavenly gift”
  - 1. tasted - Hebrews 2:9
  - 2. heavenly gift - John 6:33; Romans 6:23
- C. “were made partakers of the Holy Ghost” - Romans 8:14
- D. “have tasted the good word of God” - James 1:21
- E. “the powers of the world to come”
  - 1. powers - Hebrews 2:3-4
  - 2. world to come - 2 Peter 3:13

### II. Present Condition - Hebrews 6:6

- A. “If they shall fall away” - cf. Hebrews 4:11
  - 1. lose one’s faith - Hebrews 3:12; cf. verse 1
  - 2. leave the faith - Galatians 5:4
- B. “they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh” - cf. Matthew 27:15-26
- C. “put him to an open shame” - cf. Matthew 27:27-31,39-44

### III. Plight: Impossible to Renew - Hebrews 6:4-6

- A. This does not mean a fallen sinner cannot return to the Lord. - 1 Timothy 1:15; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9
- B. But one can become so hardened of heart it is impossible to reach him. - cf. Acts 28:24-27
- C. Such an apostate is “nigh unto cursing” - Hebrews 6:7-8

### Conclusion:

- A. What a dreadful plight - beyond the hope of salvation!
- B. Christian, do not slip away from Christ. - Hebrews 3:12
- C. Sinner, repent before your heart becomes too hardened to respond.