

## Hebrews (February 14, 2021)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ Hebrews 6:1-12

1. Read Hebrews 5:11-6:3 and explain the point the author is accentuating concerning the Christian walk?

2. “Reformed theology teaches the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints. This doctrine is sometimes called “eternal security.” In essence the doctrine teaches that if you have saving faith you will never lose it, and if you lose it, you never had it.”

(Essential Truths of The Christian Faith p. 197 by R.C. Sproul)

How do the following verses give justification for the “doctrine of eternal security”?

John 10:27-30

Romans 8:28-30

Philippians 1:6

1 John 2:19

3. Who do you think the author is referring to in Hebrews 6:4-8? Can you recall anyone in scripture who tasted God’s goodness and yet fell away? (Note: The verb “tasted” is the Greek word “*geuomai*” which means, “to experience something.”)

4. What is the apostasy mentioned in Hebrews 6:6 and how is it similar to the actions of those who put Jesus to death? How does this relate to the unforgivable sin (Mark 3:28-29)?

5. What are the types of crops mentioned in Hebrews 6:7-8? Who do you think the land and the crops represent (Matthew 5:45b)? What is inevitable according to Matthew 7:17-20; John 15:5-6; Ephesians 2:10; and James 2:17?

6. From Hebrews 6:10-12, how are believers commended, encouraged, and warned?

7. Rather than being “sluggish”, we are to be “imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Hebrews 6:12). From scripture and/or in your own experience recall who has inspired you to imitate them?