

# JESUS IS **BETTER**

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## Introduction:

**Five Reasons This Passage is About People Who Attend Church but Don't Believe:**  
(Credit: Pastor Pete Briscoe, Bent Tree Bible Church)

The language is notoriously \_\_\_\_\_  
Hebrews 6:4-6

The language defining a believer is \_\_\_\_\_ from this text

There is an \_\_\_\_\_ contrasting those who do and do not believe  
Hebrews 6:7-8

The preceding context confirms who is being \_\_\_\_\_  
Hebrews 4:1-2

The entirety of the NT unanimously \_\_\_\_\_ that a believer cannot be lost

## Impossible Repentance? What's Does THAT Mean?

Hebrews 6:4-6 *"It is impossible for those...who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance."*

## A Turn Back Toward Believers:

Hebrews 6:9 – "dear friends" (literally "beloved")  
Hebrews 6:10  
Hebrews 6:11  
Hebrews 6:12

**The Big Idea:** If you are a believer, God notices the ways you allow His love to flow through you. If you're not yet a believer...today is the day!!!

## **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

### **Personal Life:**

1. Have you ever experienced the pain of someone you deeply love seemingly walking away from their relationship with Christ? How have you processed this? How do you seek to influence this person today?

### **Ponderings:**

2. The Letter of Hebrews is written to Jews who were being tempted to turn back to their former way of life. Some were genuinely Christians and some were not. What does it tell us about God that He would want to address BOTH of these groups in this letter?
3. How is it possible for someone to "taste the heavenly gift" and "be enlightened by gospel truth" and "share in the Holy Spirit" and still reject Jesus? What does this tell us about the natural state of the human heart apart from spiritual re-birth?
4. Have you ever had this passage misused in your life to get you to fear that you might lose your salvation? If so, share about that experience if you are willing...
5. Of the five reasons presented for why verses 4-6 are addressing church-going non-believers, which do you believe is the strongest or most compelling? (see notes on reverse).

### **Promptings:**

6. The exhortation to the believers (vs. 9-12) is to keep up the good work! God notices and loves the good things that His Spirit does in and through us. The exhortation to those who do not believe (vs. 4-8) is not to shrink back from taking the plunge and trusting Jesus personally.

Which one of these exhortations applies most directly to you?

Do you know anyone in your close sphere who you think may be hanging out with believers but has never truly trusted Jesus for themselves? How might God use your life and love to lead them to salvation this week?

Are you willing to continue to live your faith boldly – not as a way to earn or secure salvation, but as an expression of the joy of your salvation?