

1-It is not, of course, implied that the Hebrew Christians had fallen into the condition thus described, or were near it; Only that such a condition might be, and if they went back instead of advancing, they would arrive at it.

2-The process identified is that of complete apostasy from the faith after real conscious enjoyments of the gifts of grace.

3-Observe next what is said of those who do this:

1-It is not that no repentance can henceforth avail them;

2-But that unto repentance it is impossible to renew them.

4-Error regarding these verses:

1-Calvin's predestinarian views----compelled him and all his followers to do violence to the meaning of these passages.

2-Holding to the doctrine of the indefectibility of grace which involved.....

1-First, that one really regenerate cannot fall away.

2-Second, that one who falls away cannot have been really regenerate.

3-He had to explain away....the clauses descriptive of the grace enjoyed, (as meaning only a superficial experience of it.)

{ 4-Calvin's explanation was, and could only be, the result of dogmatic prejudice. }

5-Notice the experience of Grace enjoyed:

1-They were once enlightened:

2-Jesus said, John 9:39; "For judgement I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

3-They have tasted of the heavenly gift:

1-Remission of sins, and peace with God, spiritual strength.

4-Note their participation in the presence and influences of the Holy Spirit:

1- 1-Cor.3:16; Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you

2-Romans 8:9; But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

3-Through the Word:

1-They share in his instructing, comforting, sanctifying presence and power.

5-They have tasted of the good Word of God:

1-This, no doubt, is special reference to the comforting, encouraging, strengthening power of the inspired Word.

6-They have tasted of the powers of the world or age, to come.

1-No doubt, signifies a personal experience of the mighty energy and saving power of the gospel. Romans 1:16.

6-After this experience, if they shall fall away-----it is impossible to renew them unto repentance-----seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

1-They tear him-Chris- out of the recesses of their heart where he had fixed his abode and exhibit him to the open scoffs and reproach of the world, as something powerless and common. Hebrews 10:29...Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace.

7-How we limit God: By failure of faith. 1-By neglect of God's plan by which we are saved.

3-By personal unholiness. Judges 1:19.

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