

Hebrews: The Complete Work of Christ  
The Danger of Falling Away  
Hebrews 6:1-8

Anyone engaged in Christian ministry has struggled with the pain and confusion of seeing people who have come into the church suddenly turn and walk away as if their professions of Christ were meaningless. Some of us have family members who, to our horror, have renounced the gospel or are drifting dangerously close (in our opinion) to the chasm of apostasy. We have seen a trend among Christian celebrities to deconstruct their faith to the point that they can no longer identify as a Christian.

1. We risk falling away when we fail to grow up in Christ.
2. We risk falling away when we fail to grasp salvation.
3. We risk falling away when we fail to generate gospel fruit.

We all want assurances that our salvation is secure. The problem is that we seek those assurances in places that are not able to adequately provide them. God does not want us wandering through our faith journey wondering if we are saved. He wants us to live bold lives for Christ, living in obedience to His commands each and every day. Displaying the fruits of the Spirit and producing fruit for the kingdom is where we ultimately find the assurance of our salvation.

For further consideration:

Why is the temptation to try to earn our salvation through works so strong? Why do we sometimes find ourselves returning to fruitless attempts to win God's favor through works even though we know better? In what elementary doctrines of the faith do you sometimes trust rather than resting in the righteousness secured for you through the finished work of Christ? Why can't this warning be referring to true believers losing their salvation? Why can't the warning be merely hypothetical? How can believers be confident that their salvation is secure? What are the marks of true conversion and genuine salvation? Are those marks evident in your life?