

HEBREWS 6 — COMMON VS. CONTEXTUAL EXPLANATIONS

“For it is impossible...” (v.4)

| <u>BIBLICAL TEXT</u> | <u>COMMON</u> | <u>CONTEXTUAL</u> |
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| “those who were once enlightened” (v.4) | One who has been enlightened must have been regenerated | They intellectually came to a perception of truth, but went no further, not believing on Christ. |
| “have tasted the heavenly gift” (v.4) | To have tasted the heavenly gift is to be born from above | They have not yet received Jesus who is the unspeakable gift from above (2Co.9:15). |
| “have become partakers of the Holy Spirit” (v.4) | To be partakers of the HS is to have the HS within | They shared by experiencing the pre-salvation work of the Holy Spirit. |
| “have tasted the good word of God” (v.5) | To have tasted the good word of God is to accept it | They initially delighted in the gospel message (almost persuaded king Agrippa, Ac.26:28), but did not believe. |
| “tasted...the powers of the age to come” (v.5) | To have tasted the age to come is to long for His kingdom | They “fall away” by never coming all the way to Christ. They must “examine whether they are in the faith” (2Co.13:5). Since to “fall away” is clearly negative all the participles above are negative. |

“...to renew them again to repentance” (v.6)