EXAMPLES & SECURITIES — HEBREWS 6:9-20

■ WARNING (He.6:4-6)

• If you do not believe on Jesus during His first coming, why would you believe if he died again for you? It is "impossible" to crucify the Son again. That they "fall away" confirm they are apostates (**He.10:39**; **1Jn.4:19**; **Jd.24**).

ILLUSTRATION (He.6:7-8, Gospel Response)

• The same rain (gospel) is received, some who believe and some who do not.

EXAMPLES OF BELIEVERS (He.6:9-12)

❖ Believer's Testimony (v.9-12)

"But, <u>beloved</u>, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, <u>things that accompany salvation</u>, though we <u>speak in this manner</u>. ¹⁰For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²that you do not become sluggish, but <u>imitate those</u> who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (**He.6:9-12**)

- True believers ("beloved") should be the example for these unbelievers to come all the way to faith in Christ.
- The believers had the "things that accompany salvation" in contrast to the unbelievers who have experienced but not received Christ.

SECURITIES OF GOD (6:13-20)

❖ God's Person (v.13)

"For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself," (He.6:13)

• Abraham believed God unto righteousness while he was not circumcised. He obeyed not knowing where God would send him.

❖ God's Purpose (v.14-15)

"14 saying, "SURELY BLESSING <u>I WILL</u> BLESS YOU, AND MULTIPLYING <u>I WILL</u> MULTIPLY YOU." ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." (**He.6:14-15**)

• God's purposes never fail. God demonstrated that it was not about Abraham but Himself (Ge.15, God's unconditional covenant)

❖ God's Pledge (v.16-18, oath)

"¹⁶For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the <u>immutability of His counsel</u>, <u>confirmed it by an oath</u>, ¹⁸that by two immutable things, in which it is <u>impossible for God to lie</u>, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us." (**He.6:16-18**)

• Though God did not need to, He pledged that He meant what He said. God's will or purpose cannot change.

❖ God's Priest (v.19-20)

"19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even <u>Jesus</u>, <u>having become High Priest forever</u> according to the order of Melchizedek." (**He.6:19-20**)

• Our hope is Christ in us. We are anchored to Him in the heavenly holy place as our High Priest.