Honk if you love Jesus text while driving if you want to meet Him.

Sun. School 10:00 AM
Sun. Worship 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM

Pastor Floyd Ingram
Why was Hebrews written?

To show that Jesus is much more superior than angels, Moses or Judaism (Law)

To explain that Judaism was good, but Jesus is better!
Let's read Hebrews 6
The Question that I get asked the most?

CAN A CHRISTIAN LOSE HIS/HER SALVATION?
Hebrews 6:1-8

This section contains one of the most debated & difficult passages in biblical study.

If you wear the lenses of performance-based Christianity, this could be a scary scripture, for it sounds like your salvation hinges on your behavior.
Hebrews 6:1-8

**MUST BE:**

1. **Interpreted in light of the book of Hebrews as a whole**;
2. **Interpreted in light of the immediate context (starts in Chapter 5)**;
3. **The Scriptures don’t contradict themselves (one verse cannot negate the many)**.
The ABC’s of the Faith
The ABC’s of Faith

1. **Conversion PAIR** - not laying again a foundation of repentance & faith toward God
2. **Ceremonial elements PAIR** - Baptisms & Laying of hands
3. **Eschatology PAIR** - Resurrection from the dead & Eternal Judgment
5 Spiritual Experiences of Readers

1. Once-and-for-all enlightenment
2. *Tasted the Heavenly Gift*
3. Shared in the Holy Spirit
4. *Tasted of the goodness of the Word of God*
5. *Tasted the powers of the coming age*
THEREFORE, IF THIS PASSAGE TEACHES THAT A BELIEVER CAN LOSE HIS/HER SALVATION ...

THEN IT MEANS THAT HE CAN NEVER REGAIN HIS SALVATION.
2 Alternatives

1. PRESS ON TO MATURITY – THIS IS WHAT THE AUTHOR IS ENCOURAGING THEM TO DO.

2. RETURN TO JUDAISM – IT WILL NOT MEAN A LOSS OF SALVATION, BUT WILL MEAN THEY PUT THEMSELVES BACK UNDER THE A.D. 70 JUDGEMENT – THE UNPARDONABLE SIN OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL – AND THEY WILL DIE PHYSICALLY.
The Certainty of Salvation  
(verses 9-20)

1. He will not forget their good works  
2. Or their labour of love  
3. Or things shown toward His name  
4. Or past ministry to the saints  
5. Or present ministry to the saints
3 Desires for them to reach

MATURITY
NOT TO REMAIN SLUGGISH / LAZY
BECOME IMITATORS OF THOSE WHO
THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT
WHAT HAS BEEN PROMISED.
How can a believer be certain that God’s promise of obtaining spiritual maturity is going to come to pass?

They can be certain because the Messiah (who is their city of refuge) has already entered into Heaven.
We have this 
HOPE 
as an anchor 
for the soul,
Firm 
and 
Secure.

Hebrews 6:19
Homework for next week

Read Hebrews 7 (& beyond)
Hebrews 7 - Jesus – our Holy Priest forever

Next Sunday
30 April 2017
Let’s Pray ...

Going on to Spiritual Maturity