

## Selected Definitions

Hebrews 6:1–7:3

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- 6:4 impossible** (*adunatos*). **1 pertaining to lacking capability in functioning adequately, powerless, impotent**... Those weak in faith ... Ro 15:1. ... **2 incapable of happening or being done, impossible**... Of that which God cannot and can do... Lk 18:27 [“Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” 26-27]... Hebrews 6:4, 18 [it is impossible for God to lie]; 10:4 [it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins]; 11:6 [without faith it is impossible to please him Hebrews 11:6]... Romans 8:3 [God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do].
- 6:4 enlightened** (*phôtizô*). **1 intransitive ... to function as a source of light, to shine**, of God... **2 transitive to cause to be illumined**... **3 transitive to make known in reference to the inner life**... Ephesians ... 1:8 [having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you]... Hebrews ... 10:32 [recall the former days when, after you were enlightened Hebrews 10:32].
- 6:4 share** (*metoxos*). **1 sharing/participating in**... Hebrews 3:1 [you who share in a heavenly calling]... 3:14 [we have come to share in Christ].
- 6:4, 5 taste** (*geuomai*). To have perception of something either by mouth or by experience, especially in reference to relatively small quantity. Luke 14:24 [one of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet]... **2 to experience something cognitively or emotionally, come to know something**... Matthew 6:28 [who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming]... John 8:52 [If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death]... Hebrews 2:9 [by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone].
- 6:6 fall away** (*parapiptô*). In the papyri mostly = become lost... literally ‘fall beside’, then ‘go astray, miss’ ... make a mistake... **to fail to follow through on a commitment, fall away, commit apostasy**... Wisdom 6:9 [learn wisdom and not fall into error]... 12:2 [reprove little by little those who fall into error]... *whatever sins we have committed* 1 Clement 51:1.
- 6:6 renew** (*anakainizô*). **renew, restore**... forgiveness of sins (in baptism) Letter of Barnabas.  
[Similar to *anakainoô* ... renew only in Paul ... of the spiritual rebirth of the Christian ... our inner (spiritual) person is being renewed 2 Corinthians 4:16 (our inner self is being renewed day by day)... Colossians 3:10 (the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator). And to *anakainôsis* **renewal**; of a person’s spiritual rebirth... Romans 12:2 (be transformed by the renewal of your mind)... Titus 3:5 (the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit).]