

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“LEANING ON THE JUSTICE OF GOD FOR ASSURANCE”

Heb. 6:9-12

March 24, 2013

Heb 6:1-8

- 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,
- 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
- 3 And this we will do, if God permits.
- 4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,
- 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
- 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.
- 7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;
- 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

Heb 6:9-12

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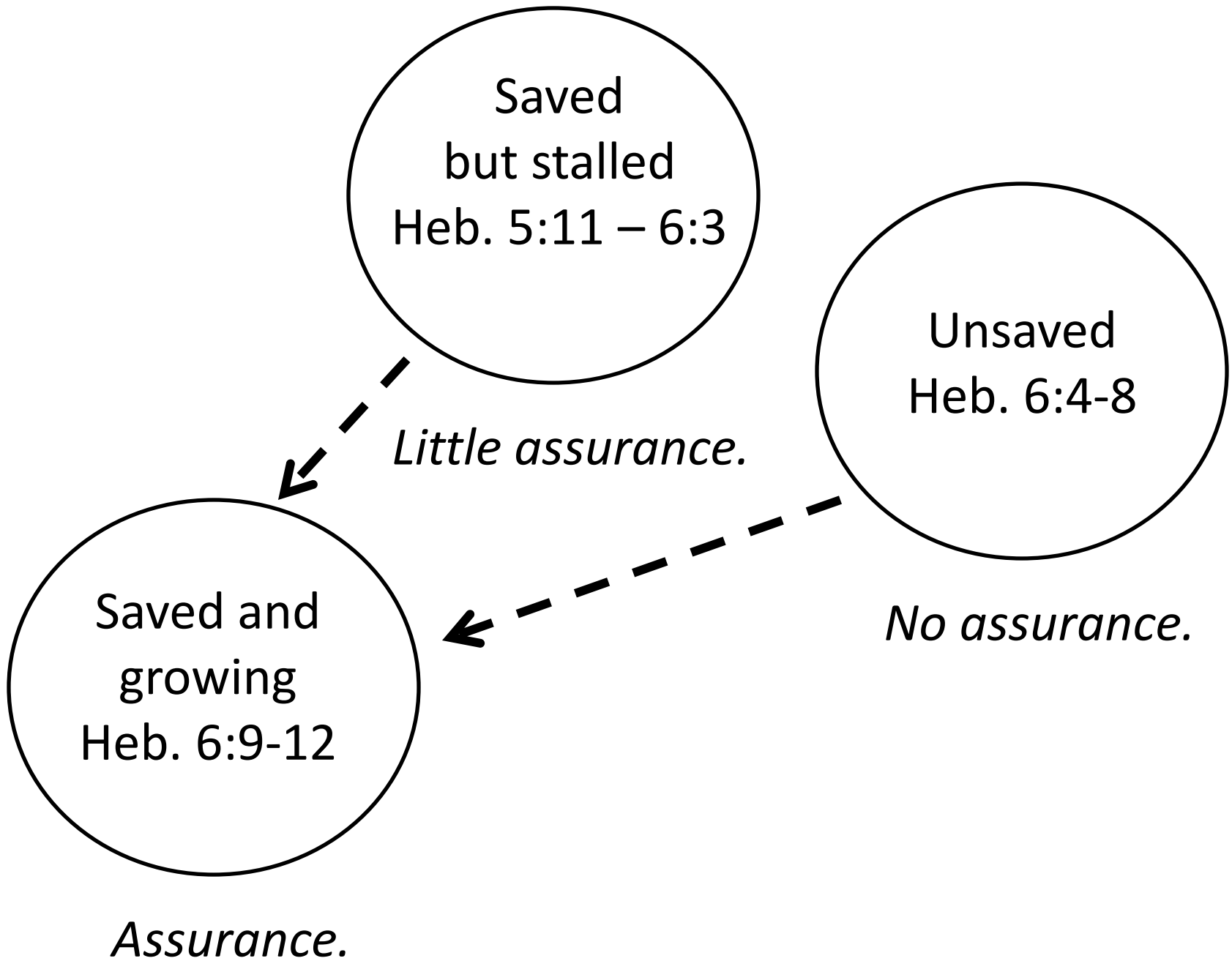
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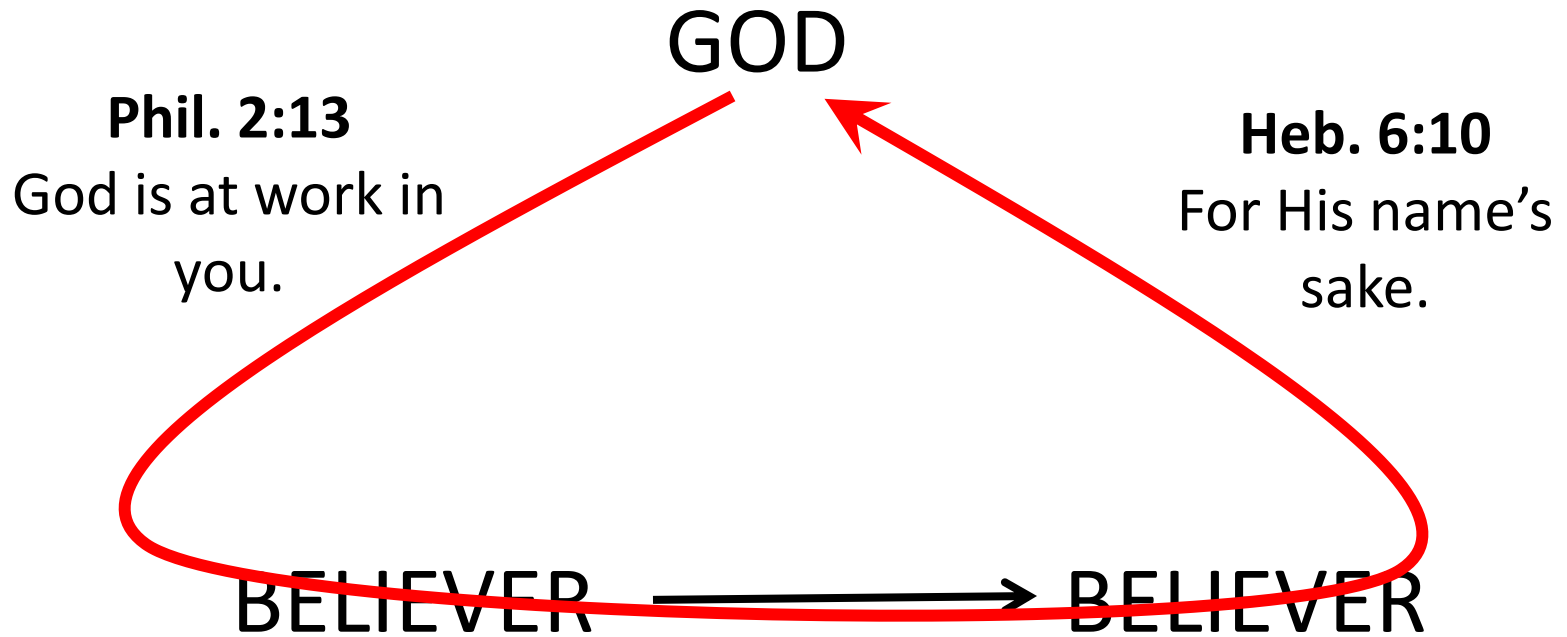
Rev 2:1-4

- 1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:
The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand,
the One who walks among the seven golden
lampstands, says this:
- 2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance,
and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put
to the test those who call themselves apostles, and
they are not, and you found them to be false;
- 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for
My name's sake, and have not grown weary.
- 4 'But I have this against you, that **you have left your
first love.**

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Phil 2:13

13 for it is God who is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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Heb 5:11

11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become **dull** of hearing.

Heb 6:12

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1. Trusting in the person and work of Christ alone.
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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
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Application

1. Assurance of salvation is not a feeling, it is faith in the promises of God. People lose assurance because they look to themselves for security and not to God's Word.
2. Until you have assurance of salvation, moving forward to maturity will be impossible.
3. If you love the name of God, if you love the glory of God, if you love God, your life will demonstrate it.