

“Authentic Membership: Supporting”

Hebrews 6:4-12

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Introduction:

When Something Is Lost

“...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 1:6

“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.”
– John 6:39

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.”
– John 10:27, 28

“... [nothing] in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
– Romans 8:39

_____ – An Abandonment of Christ

Religious Experience Does Not Equal True _____

“enlightened”

“tasted the heavenly gift”

“shared in the Holy Spirit”

“tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age”

The Missing Element: _____

The truth and the power of the Gospel were experienced. But “experience” in itself is not regeneration unless gospel grace penetrates into the heart. [This passage] makes no mention of the crucified One being trusted and sin being rejected. Rather, despite rich spiritual experiences, heart unbelief and rejection of Christ, crucifying Him ourselves, are grimly possible. – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, *Apostasy and How It Happens*, in *Tabletalk*, April, 2004

In the beginning, apostasy and backsliding both _____

“_____ and thistles”

The _____ of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.
– Galatians 5:22, 23

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” – Gal. 5:19-21

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. – Gal. 5:24

A Failure to Show _____

Why We Are Concerned About Faithfulness