

Five warning sections in the book of Hebrews

- (1) **Hebrews 2:1-4**
Don't neglect your faith
Pay close attention.
Don't drift away.
Don't ignore/neglect this great salvation.
- (2) **Hebrews 3:5-4:16**
Don't harden your heart to the Holy Spirit
We are His **if we hold fast our confidence to the end** (Heb 3:6 & 14).
"Today, if you hear His voice, **do not harden your hearts**" (Heb 4:7)
"... let us **hold fast** our confession" (Heb 4:14).
- (3) **Hebrews 5:11-6:12**
Don't fall away — be diligent
Heb 6 ... (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.**
- (4) **Hebrews 10:26-39**
Warning against deliberate, willful sin
Heb 10 ... (26) For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, (27) but a terrifying expectation of judgment and '*the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries*'.
Heb 10 ... (35) Therefore **do not throw away your confidence**, which has a great reward. (36) For **you have need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
- (5) **Hebrews 12:14-29**
Don't despise the grace of God
Heb 12 ... (25) See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.

"Once saved, always saved"?

1) *John 10:27-29*

(27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
(28) and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. (29) My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

But, see *John 15:1-6* (same writer, same book, same context)

(1) "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. (2) Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. (3) You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. (4) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. (5) I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. (6) If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned."

2) *Romans 8:37-39*

(37) But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. (38) For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, (39) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But, see *Rom 11:19-22* (same writer, same book, same context)

(19) You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." (20) Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; (21) for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. (22) Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.