**6 4**For it is impossible, [**6-b** to restore them again to repentance,] in the case of those   
 who have once been enlightened,   
 who have tasted the heavenly gift, and   
 have shared in the Holy Spirit, **5**and   
 have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6**and  
 then have fallen away, …  
 since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm   
 and holding him up to contempt.   
 [Note, above, the slight rearrangement of the ESV text for clarity in brackets.]

**7**For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. **8**But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

Other Translations:

**CSB** **4** For it is impossible to renew to repentance those who were once enlightened, who tasted the heavenly gift, who shared in the Holy Spirit, **5** who tasted God’s good word and the powers of the coming age, **6** and who have fallen away. This is because, to their own harm, they are recrucifying the Son of God and holding him up to contempt.

**KJV 4** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **6** If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

**NASB** **4** For it is impossible, 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, to restore them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

**The Message** **4-6** Once people have seen the light, gotten a taste of heaven and been part of the work of the Holy Spirit, once they’ve personally experienced the sheer goodness of God’s Word and the powers breaking in on us—if then they turn their backs on it, washing their hands of the whole thing, well, they can’t start over as if nothing happened. That’s impossible. Why, they’ve re-crucified Jesus! They’ve repudiated him in public!