

Sermon Title- Christ, our Confidence

Sermon- #22

Speaker- Pastor DJ Vick

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Hebrews 10:26-39

²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. ²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

²⁹ How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay." And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Study Questions

1. **Verses 26-31** are some of the most intense verses in the New Testament to warn us away from a life of intentional (ongoing, deliberate) sin as a Christian. Why do you think that is important?

2. In light of what Jesus has done for us, what we've covered in Hebrews chapters 1-10, how ought we live our lives?
3. The author here tells us to "*remember those earlier days after you had received the light.*" (vs. 32). What are one or two things that changed in your life as a result of becoming a Christian (earlier days)?
4. Sharing our story (how we met Jesus) or part of our story (how He has worked in our life) is a great way for us to remember. Who is someone in your life who could benefit from hearing your story or part of your story? Pray and ask God to give you an opportunity to share with them!
5. Pastor DJ said the words "shrink back" (vs. 39) made him think of the Israelites fleeing Egypt. If you have time, read **Exodus 14:10, 13-16**, and see if you see the comparison. Either way what does the Exodus account teach us in regard to being bold with our faith in God?