

# NO MORE SACRIFICE

Hebrews 10:26-31

(Basic outline, add own thoughts)

**Introduction:** Discuss the reason for writing (to offset so many Jews leaving the Church). The writer presents the Old Testament and New Testament differences. Only via Christ's sacrifice can man and God be united.

TEXT: Jews professed faith openly but are now returning to sacrifices, etc. It is an automatic renouncement of Christ's sacrifice, His blood and the only thing left for them is certainty of God's judgment.

## I. A RECEPTION OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

- **"received the knowledge" - epignosis** - knowledge upon knowledge, complete, total, final acceptance, settled, committed knowledge (comes after salvation).
- Is talking about true believers, sanctified by the blood of Christ (unbelievers cannot understand God's truths, its foolishness to them).
- The Truth is the Gospel of Christ - Discuss.

## II. A REBELLION

- **"sin willfully"** - deliberately, thought through, weighed, settled in one's mind, NO sudden impulse.
- Careful, premeditated, deliberate sin against God by a believer - NOT accidental sins.
- This is a Christian who acts, knowing that his/her deed is against God, against God's will, against His purpose, KNOWING all this, still shakes his/her fist in God's face, "I'll do as I please!"
- Discuss - not every willful sin brings rejection of Christ's gospel, but if allowed to continue, will lead to rejection. (Discuss spiritual/church, etc. drop outs, etc.)
- Discuss - rebellious Christians are more of an obstacle to winning the lost than anything else.

## III. A RETRIBUTION

- God will not tolerate rebellion among His people.
- Christ died (discuss why). If man rebels, rejects Christ's death, Christ will not die for one again, there's nothing left except God's judgment.
  - This is NOT losing one's salvation) - **1 Corinthians 3:13**
- Discuss - God is speaking of Christians full of knowledge, deliberately, premeditatedly sinning, habitually against God. Then the only thing left for these is God's judgment. They are so disobedient, so rebellious that God has to step in.
- This judgment can come in two (2) ways:
  - God will physically take the life.
  - The offender will live life with scars and consequences like King David did.
- **Deuteronomy 17** - speaks of stoning Law violators - how much more will God judge knowledgeable Christian rebellion.
- Discuss - The EYES of God - When a Christian (and anyone else) knows of Christ's sacrifice and then rebels, rejects it -
  - God says we TREAD on His Son. We deliberately treat His Son's blood as an animal's which is useless and we quench God's Spirit within us.

## **CONCLUSION:**

- This passage does not speak of being lost again!
  - It is speaking of those who KNOW about Jesus Christ, who are sanctified, believers who deliberately rebell against God. What course does God take?
- God has promised to save eternally all who believe in Jesus Christ. What does He do when a believer becomes so rebellious, so disobedient that he/she becomes troublesome, brings disgrace upon God and His Son? Cast that person aside? NO! God can't do that.
- God is patient, long suffering, but will bring judgment upon His rebellious children.
- Every person will stand before God and judged of his/her works, of his/her life lived.