

**Hold Fast to the Message - Heb. 10:23-39**  
**First Southern Baptist Church - September 21, 2022**

**Introduction**

1. Progression

Draw near - (22)

Hold Fast - (23)

Consider One Another (24-25 )

**But** if you continue in sin (26-31)

Instead of all that (verses 32-39)

-remember how it used to be

-and press on

Verse 39 is a summary verse of the entire passage - a contrast of two peoples

2. Approaches to verses 26-31

A. Warning against apostasy - being saved then losing your salvation

B. Warning against an intentional lifestyle of sin - after salvation

1) If we go on sinning - or continue along this road in spite of having received knowledge of Jesus

- \*you've heard the gospel and rejected this way

-you've rejected the new and living way

2) Be warned - then sin becomes deliberate

3) And, you have no ignorance of sin

4) Becomes sin when we know - to know to do right and to do wrong is sin

-Old Testament says this is what sin became when the law came

-it is to say, well if all my sins, past, present and future are forgiven, then it doesn't really matter what I do

C. A warning to those who live in sin, which calls into question the genuineness of their conversion

-after all you have this "new and living way" that has been made available for you by Jesus' blood

D. Warning against non-Christians continually saying no, after having received the gospel (the knowledge of the truth)

-if you don't take this path, there remains no sacrifice for sins

-it is to prey on the patience and grace of God

-they reject their only way of salvation... there is now no way for you to be saved

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**\*\*This is my opinion** - these were not saved, but had heard the gospel, they had been "enlightened." They have rejected their only way out. The "new and living way." Verse 20.

Verse 39 sums up the entire passage... we are not like those who draw back from the message... but we believe... to the saving of the soul. A contrast again "but."

**I. If you Just Continue to Sin - after you have received the Knowledge (verses 26-31)**

1. "Sin" is deliberate, and continuous (verse 26)

KJV says “willfully”

-the idea? - if you go on sinning. Sounds very much like a lost person, who receives the gospel, then goes on sinning.

He has just given them “a new and living way” (verse 20) into the very presence of God... BUT, if you continue to sin, deliberately and willfully...

2. Judgment awaits

A. You do not have forgiveness if you live this way - what you do have is a certain, fearful expectation of judgment (**verse 27**)

B. The example is Moses and the people who despised his law  
-they died under two or three witnesses (**verses 28-29**)

C. What they did:

-spurned the Son of God

-profaned the blood (made it common)

-outraged the spirit of grace

D. How much worse punishment, shall we be worthy of if we reject the ministry of God’s own son! (29)

-done despite to the spirit of the **law**

-done despite to the spirit of **grace** (verse 29)

E. To go on sinning is to trample under foot the very Son of God  
-to spit on His shed blood

3. We know the one who brings judgment (**verses 30-31**)

-we know His character... He will not let you escape with your sin and your sinful attitude. He is loving and kind but He will not allow us to ignore and reject and rebel

A. Quotes Dt. 32

B. It is fearful to fall back into the hands of God’s judgment

## II. Remember When You First Received the Knowledge of Jesus (**verses 32-34**)

1. “But” is the key word\*\*

-in contrast (but) to those who received the gospel then continued sinning (verse 26)

-when **YOU** received the gospel, you suffered greatly

**They** -verse 26 is contrasted with **You** -verse 32

A further contrast is to be found in verse 39 - in the summary, or wrap up verse.

2. You were illuminated (**verse 32**)

-you endured afflictions

3. You were made the object of persecutions (**verse 33**)

-reproaches and afflictions

-publically exposed - the Greek word is “theatrizomai” or made a theatrical spectacle, a target for abuse

-you became “companions” or partners with those who were suffering

4. You had compassion of me (**verse 34**)

-sympathy in my bonds

-took it joyfully when they took your goods. Part of their suffering was the taking of their goods

-you knew that you have a better “stuff” - in heaven

### **III. You Will Be Rewarded (verses 35-39)**

1. Hold onto your confidence that you will be rewarded (**verse 35**)
  - your “confidence” has great value
2. You need to be patient (**verse 36**)
  - What type patience?
    - that after you do the will of God
    - then you will be rewarded - receive the promise
  - A prerequisite for receiving the reward is patience/ endurance
3. He will come (**verse 37**)
  - in a little while
  - he will not tarry
  - already mentioned that the day of His coming is quickly approaching (verse 25)
4. Don't draw back (**verses 38-39**)
  - A. While you wait... the just shall live by faith that He will come (38)
    - so, don't draw back
    - my soul has no pleasure in those who were once with us and then draw back
  - B. **We** are not in that group that draw back unto **perdition** (39)
    - (“perdition” is destruction)
    - We** are in the group that believe to the saving of the **soul**