

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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PART 15: SINNING WILLFULLY

In examining the latter half of Hebrews chapter ten, we find that the apostle Paul shifts gear by teaching New Testament doctrine to the Jewish believers in Christ.

MEETING WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

The New Testament church is not made up of loners, but of born again believers in Christ who not only meet together to worship the Lord, but also to edify and build each other up. **Hebrews 10:23-25**

The Holy Spirit had instructed the apostles that believers should be disciplined and molded into an effective collective group that would carry out the work of God on this earth. **Ephesians 4:10-16**

SINNING WILLFULLY

The subject of willful sin is a very touchy subject and many people have not truly understood what it means to sin willfully. The best definition would be when a person has a desire to commit an act that he knows is condemned by God, but still goes ahead and does it, and then when he is done sinning, he will turn to God and repent. **Hebrews 10:26-27**

Samson was a man of God, but he decided to fornicate with heathen women, knowing full well what God had spoken about that subject. **Exodus 34:12-16**

He wanted Delilah at any cost and willfully sinned. **Judges 16:4**

She was a death trap for him. **verses 5-15**

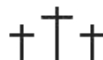
Samson was so seduced by this woman, that he did not care about God and the precious gift God had given him, he just wanted to satisfy his sexual desires. **verses 16-17**

The trap was sprung and the strength of the Lord departed from Samson. **verses 18-20**

Samson paid a heavy price for his rebellion. **verses 21-25**

When Samson had been thoroughly chastised of the Lord, he uttered a final prayer that God granted. **verses 26-31**

When a believer in Christ willfully sins, there will be a heavy price to pay in this life and the next. **Hebrews 10:28-31; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11**



REMEMBER YOUR SUFFERING

Paul reminded the Hebrew Christians of their great suffering when they first came to Christ. **Hebrews 10:32-33**

He also thanked them for supporting him. **verse 34**

Do not throw away your confidence in Christ. **verse 35**

There is a need for endurance so that we can do the will of God. **verses 36-37**

Make sure that you do not defect from Jesus and his church and become cursed and ruined. **verses 38-39**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?