

## HEBREWS 10 EXPLAINED

**Hebrews 10: 26-29, 38, 39 - this is one of the difficult passages of Scripture, (see 2 Peter 3:16).**

The Lord told His disciples that “the Holy Ghost shall teach you all things” (John 15:26). Later the Apostle Paul made the inspired comment that “the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God” (1 Cor. 2:10). The Church also has been given teachers (Eph. 4:11-13), and I refer to Robert J. Little’s book “Here Is Your Answer” (Moody Press), which has been a help to me. I quote for your help too.

Here we see that the sin is a willful one hence it is a deliberate rejection of Christ. The person is said to have “trodden under foot the Son of God.” This verse is not speaking of falling into sins of immorality, but of counting the blood of Christ “a common thing.” A person who does this is saying that the shed blood of Christ has no more redeeming value than the blood of any other person. Since this sin is deliberately committed, we take it to be similar to that referred to in chapter 6, where some who had espoused Christianity later purposefully rejected Him, thus “treading him under foot.” For such persons there is “no more sacrifice for sin.” They have rejected the only sacrifice that can save. They share the “fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries.” We take it that these individuals never were truly saved, or born again.

Hebrews 10:29 – “hath counted the blood of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing.” Ironside and Grant are in agreement that the sanctification is positional. Israel was set apart by the blood of the old covenant at Sinai, yet any Israelite lacking faith could turn from all the privileges of that blood. The Christian assembly of Hebrews abode under the blood of a better covenant. But this did not preclude the possibility of abjuring this covenant sign and refusing the blessedness which it has purchased. In my view, it is profession vs. confession, possession vs. rejection. Other Scriptures which I view in similar manner are 1 John 2:2 and 1 Tim. 4:10. The truth is there but it must be appropriated in trusting faith. Lastly, the Apostle John speaks of the gnostics, deniers of Christ’s Deity, who left the assembly (1 John 2:19), because they were not truly part of a redeemed group.