

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD (Part 2)

Request: "After studying Heb.10:26, it seems to suggest that a person with full knowledge (epignosis) of the gospel and then rejects it can lose his salvation. Could you explain why this is, or is not, true?"

This request involves the fourth of five warnings of apostate reversionism in Book of Hebrews (Heb.10:19-39).

Book of Hebrews poses problems unique to first century Jewish believers. They were persecuted for faith in grace salvation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from both outside and inside the Christian church. (Acts 8:1; 15:1, 5, 11).

This 4th warning passage can be divided into two sections for study: (Heb.10:19-25 and Heb.10:26-39)

- (Heb.10:19-25) Deals with progressing spiritually in the Christian Way of Life (CWL).
- (Heb.10:26-39) Deals with retrogressing spiritually in the Christian Way of Life (CWL).

This lesson will study four aspects of Confidence in God.

1. The Greek word for confidence is parrhesia. It is comprised of two Greek words (para and rhesia). It refers to speaking openly in public assembly (Acts 4:10-13, 14-22/ notice the closing of Acts/ Acts 28:30-31).

(Heb.10:19-21) "Therefore, brethren, **since** we have (echo/ p.a.ptc.nplm) **confidence to enter** (eis ten eisodos) [a way inside to] **the holy place (ton hagion/ gpln) by** (en+inst of means) the blood of Jesus, **by** a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through (dia+gen of way) the veil, that is, His flesh, **and since** we have a great priest over the house of God," (Eucharist)

The only way into the presence of a Holy God is through the blood and body of the Lord Jesus Christ who removed the sin of the world. (Adam's Original Sin) (AOS) (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).

(John 1:29, 36) "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

This confidence comes from (Heb.10:1-18).

(Heb.10:12)"But He having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, 'Sat down at the right hand of God.'"

(Heb.10:14)"For by one offering He has perfected for all times those who are sanctified."

(Heb.10:18)"Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin."

- **Parrhesia** is used in both sections of the 4th warning. It is used with spiritual progression (Heb.10:19) and with spiritual retrogression in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (Heb.10:35).
- **Parrhesia** is used four times in the Book of Hebrews (Heb.3:6; 4:16; 10:19, 35).

(Heb.10:35) "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward."

2. Fallen man's entrance into the Holiness of God is based on faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, His burial and resurrection. (Heb.10:19-21; Rom.6:22)

The unsaved person is under 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and only faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ can deliver him/ her from that condemnation. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

- (1 Cor.15:22) "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."
- (Rom.3:10) "There is none righteous, not even one."
- (Rom.3:23-24) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." "

3. The two Old Covenant temple veils represented separation of sinners from a Holy God. The first veil was of Holy Place and the second veil was of Holy of Holies.

When Jesus Christ physically died, the veil for the Holy of Holies was torn down (Matt.27:51). Shadow Christology of the Old Covenant (OC) was fulfilled by Jesus Christ's death on cross. As a result of God's work now there was access into the presence of a Holy God through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ on basis of grace and not Law to every believer.

(Gal.3:26-27) "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

4. All Church Age Believers (CABs) are sanctified at the moment of salvation by the Holy Spirit because of the New Covenant.

(Heb.10:10, 14) "By His will **we have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

(Rom.15:16) "To be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit." (1 Cor.6:11)

Positional Sanctification is just one of eight works of the Holy Spirit accomplished at the moment of salvation (2 Thess.2:13-15).

As a result all Church Age Believers (CABs) are saints because of Positional Sanctification (Rom.1:7; Phil.4:21-22; Thess.1:10); Heb.12:10.

This lesson shows the cab how he can have CONFIDENCE IN GOD

By inhale and exhale of word of God (2 Tim.3:16-17)

This lesson also shows why the CAB should never be tempted to throw it away (Heb.10:35).