

**THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**  
**Part One**

Text: Heb. 10:26-31

**INTRODUCTION**

- One of major themes of Hebrews is the danger of \_\_\_\_\_ (falling away from the faith).
  - Words for forsaking such as “draw back, fall away, let slip, neglect, depart, come short, fall, fail, turn out of the way” are common.
- Like other warnings in the books, the last part of chapter 10 can be divided into two sections:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ for those falling away from the faith.
  - Comfort for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hebrews 10:26-39 is all about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Key verses = vs. 38-39.
  - Key statement = “the just shall live by faith.”
  - Vs. 26-31 = a sober warning to apostates.

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE APOSTATES (vs. 26A)**

- People who:
  - Have \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of the truth.
    - “Receive” = grasp, take hold of the knowledge of the gospel, so they understand the gospel yet without believing it.
  - But \_\_\_\_\_ willfully = the sin of rejecting Christ.
- The only people who can fulfill the first part of the description are those who have been \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
- Application: The hardest person to reach is the passive rebel who has long attended a good \_\_\_\_\_ but remained uncommitted to Christ and then willfully walks away.

**II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE APOSTATES (vs. 26B-27)**

- Judgment and devouring fire of indignation = eternal judgment and eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you turn away from the precious blood of Christ, you have nowhere else to go to get yourself right with God.

**III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE APOSTATES (vs. 28-29)**

**A. The Indictment against the Apostate:**

- He has \_\_\_\_\_ underfoot the Son of God
- He has counted the blood of the covenant to be \_\_\_\_\_ (common, not worth anything).
- He has \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit of grace (“done despite” = scoff or insult; so he has refused and mocked His convicting work).

- All together, he has offended the \_\_\_\_\_ (Who gave His Son), the Son (Who shed His blood), and the Spirit (Who seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ him to Christ).

**B. The Illustration of the Apostate’s Fate**

- The punishment for many sins in the Law was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Examples: Committing apostasy and idolatry (Deut. 17:2-6)
  - Eating \_\_\_\_\_ bread during feast of unleavened bread (Ex. 12:15:
  - Gathering sticks on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Num. 15:35)
  - Verbally abusing \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 21:17)
  - Entering the tabernacle to worship in a ceremonially unclean condition.
- Conclusion: God will deal with those who despise and reject His better covenant of grace much more \_\_\_\_\_, not just with physical death but the \_\_\_\_\_ death.

**IV. THE \_\_\_\_\_ WHO WILL DEAL WITH THE APOSTATES (vs. 30-31)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.
- Two quotations from Deuteronomy 32:35-36:
  - “Vengeance belongeth unto Me; I will recompense” = God He won’t let sins \_\_\_\_\_ but will repay justly.
  - “The Lord shall judge His people” = all who identify w/ Him, the genuine and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- “A fearful thing”—no other fear can compare to facing holy God to be judged for the \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins (Rev. 1:13-17, 20:11).
- If you’re in the process of turning your back on Christ for the pleasures of sin in this world, your problem (vs. 30) is that you don’t “\_\_\_\_\_ Him” like you should.

**CONCLUSION**

- The decision of the apostates:
  - To \_\_\_\_\_ of rebellion, sin, and rejection of Christ; and run to Him for forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.
- The reaction of the non-apostates:
  - To take \_\_\_\_\_ that we don’t allow any smallest bit of backsliding in own lives but rather live daily with a living, vibrant, praying, obeying faith in Christ.
  - To \_\_\_\_\_ fervently for those who seem to be drawing back from Christ.
  - To exhort them while we have the opportunity.