



HEBREWS 10 PART 3

Is the Struggle Within You?

Hebrews 10:26-39 contains one of the most severe and terrifying warnings in all of Scripture: the warning against apostasy. When confronted with the reality of those who "sin willfully" and trample the blood of the Son of God, sincere Christians often experience a wave of profound panic. We look at our own daily battles with the flesh, our recurring weaknesses, and our desperate failures, and we secretly wonder, "Have I crossed the line? Am I walking away?"

But Pastor Steve illuminated a profoundly comforting truth from this text: the presence of an agonizing, internal war against your own sin is actually the greatest proof that you are securely in the faith. Dead men do not fight. False converts and defiant apostates do not weep over their failures; they excuse them, embrace them, and eventually treat the holy grace of God as a cheap, common commodity. Your exhaustion in the battle against the flesh (Romans 7) is undeniable evidence that the Holy Spirit has taken up permanent residence inside of you. To avoid apostasy, we do not rely on our own moral perfection or legalistic scorekeeping. Instead, we rest entirely in the **monergistic** grace of God, embracing the struggle as the very proof of spiritual life while fixing our eyes on our secure, eternal reward.

Doctrine Definition: Apostasy is the deliberate, willful, and permanent rejection of Jesus Christ and the Gospel by someone who has heard the truth, understood it, and perhaps even participated in the visible church, but was never truly born again. Conversely, **Assurance of Salvation** is the promise that those genuinely regenerated by the Holy Spirit are eternally secure, kept exclusively by God's sovereign, monergistic grace.

Study Questions

1. Hebrews 10:26 warns against "willful" sin. Since this means habitual, defiant rejection rather than stumbling in weakness, how does this distinction free you from the constant fear of losing your salvation? *(OT: Numbers 15:30 | NT: 1 John 3:9)
2. In the Parable of the Sower, some seeds grew temporarily before dying. How does the reality of "false converts" explain how someone can look like a Christian for years but ultimately walk away? *(OT: Jeremiah 17:9-10 | NT: 1 John 2:19)
3. Pastor Steve reviewed warnings against drifting, unbelief, and falling away. What earthly comforts or cultural distractions are currently threatening to make you "drift"? *(OT: Proverbs 4:23 | NT: Hebrews 2:1)
4. First Corinthians 3 says our works will be tested by fire. If the fire of God's judgment tested your schedule and bank account this past week, what would endure? *(OT: Proverbs 17:3 | NT: 1 Corinthians 3:12-15)
5. Your inward struggle against sin proves the Holy Spirit lives inside you. How does this shift your perspective of spiritual exhaustion (Romans 7) from despair to deep assurance? *(OT: Psalm 51:10 | NT: Galatians 5:17)