**Heb. 10:26-33 – To whom much is given…**

**MAIN IDEA: The forgiveness of sins does not mean**

**the removal all consequences for sin.**

**CONTEXT: What if someone does not “hold fast”?**

**1. Hebrews 10:26 – The reaction to God’s grace**

* **“We” = Believers**
* **“Knowledge” – Usually genuine, personal, experiential - 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Tit. 1:1**
* **“Sin willfully”**
  + **Translation: an event, this doesn’t emphasize time**
  + **Context**
  + **Num. 15:30 lit. = ‘high handed’; fist raised to God;**
  + **“Deliberate, defiant”**
  + **Apostacy**

**This is their response to the free gift of eternal life life and forgiveness!**

**2. Hebrews 10:27 – The reaction to the Apostate**

* **“Fire” –- (Not hell; temporal judgment = common in the Bible, esp. the OT) Ezek. 15; Isa. 5:24; 9:18-19; 10:16-17; Also, Lev. 10:1-4; Num. 16:35**
* **“Adversaries” Lam. 2:4-5a; Isa. 63:10; Also, 1 Sam. 28:16**
* **David with Bathsheba**

**3. Hebrews 10:28 – The judgment in the OT**

* **Temporal judgment**
* **“Without mercy” = there is nothing to cover it, as it is here**
  + **In Num. 15:30-31, there was no offering to cover presumptuous sin**
  + **No escape from temporal judgment**
  + **So, it is here**

**4. Hebrews 10:29 – A worse judgment in the NT**

* **“Worse punishment” – Many things worse than death**
* **Children dying**
* **Losing mind**
* **King Saul**

**“trampled…sanctified a common thing…insulted”**

* **“Trampled the Son of God underfoot” “Crucify to themselves the Son of God” Heb. 6; Jesus is just another person**
* **“Sanctified” Heb. 10:10, 14 This is a believer! This is why this is so serious.**
* **“Common thing”**
* **“Insulted…Spirit of grace” Undeserved yet unappreciated.**
* **If we focus on the punishment without the hurt, we miss the point!**
* **Sounds like Hebrews 2:1-4, 3:7-12, and 6:6-8; Moses in the group in 3:7f**

**5. Hebrews 10:30-31 – God’s right to judge**

* **The context of both passages is Deuteronomy 32:35-36**
* **They are texts involving the judgment of believers**
* **“HIS PEOPLE”**
* **Verse 26: “we”; verse 29: “sanctified”; verse 30 “His people”: Little doubt these are believers**

**Our choice: Reaping the results**

* **1 Cor. 9:24-10:13 – Pursuit of rewards commanded, examples from the OT, and the application to us**
* **1 Cor. 3:14-15 – Future rewards or loss; fire in judgment**
* **1 Cor. 11:27-32 – “weak…sick…died”**
* **Lk. 12:41-48 – “To whom much is given…”**
* **2 Cor. 5:10-11 – Accountability: good or bad**
* **Never forget that our sins were paid for and eternal life was offered as a free gift. We are forever in God’s family. But…**
* **God does not take despising Him and His gift lightly.**
* **Mercy and love are powerful because God is righteous and holy.**

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