<u>The Letter To The Hebrews</u>
The Danger Of Going On In Deliberate Sin
Hebrews 10:26-31

<u>Introduction</u>

Because of what Jesus did on the Cross, and because we are trusting Him, we are standing under a waterfall of God's grace.

But does God's grace mean I can go on sinning deliberately — and still be forgiven?

The author of Hebrews answers that question in today's passage

<u>What does it mean to go on sinning deliberately</u>? (v.26)

The word "sinning" is the ordinary word for sin. So the author is talking about any clear disobedience to God's commands.

The word "for" shows that v.26 is a reason for vv.24-25. So the sin he's talking about includes not loving God, not serving others, and not meeting with other believers.

The words "go on" and "deliberately" show that he's talking about continuing in sin without confessing it, repenting of it, battling it, resisting it.

<u>What happens to those who go on sinning deliberately</u>? (vv.26-31)

Those who go on sinning deliberately will be punished by God forever.

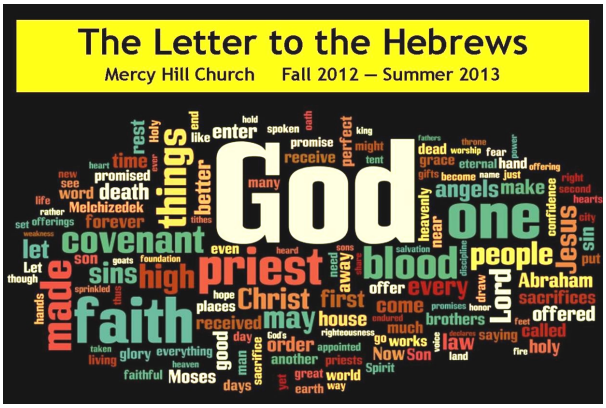
If you are trusting Jesus and battling sin, then this will never happen to you. Because your faith and battling shows you have been saved. And because God has saved you, He will keep you persevering in faith until the end.

Those who do go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth do not lose their salvation — they were never genuinely saved to begin with. Tragically, they will be punished by God forever.

<u>Why is this punishment so severe</u>? (29)

Because those who go on sinning deliberately —
Trample underfoot the Son of God
Profane the blood of the covenant
Enrage the Spirit of grace

But if they will turn to Christ, confess their sins, trust Him —
The Son of God will forgive, love, embrace them
The blood of the covenant will cleanse them
The Spirit of grace will strengthen and fill them.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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What would be some sins which, if continued in, would mean someone is "going on sinning deliberately"?

Since we all sin, how can we tell whether or not we are going on deliberately in sin?

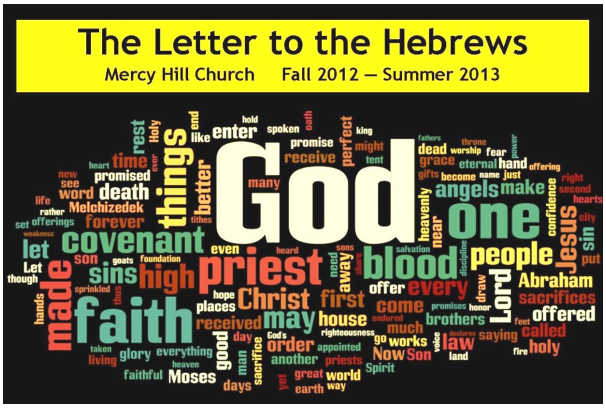
Have you had seasons when you were going on sinning deliberately? What did God do to bring you out of that season? What did you learn from that?

Should someone who is trusting Jesus and fighting sin be afraid they might end up going on in sin deliberately and so not having a sacrifice for their sins? Why or why not?

In light of this passage, how can anyone be absolutely sure he or she will be forgiven for their sins and enter heaven?

Do you know anyone who might be going on sinning deliberately? What is God saying to you about them?

Are you going on sinning deliberately? Why are you continuing in this, when God speaks such a strong (and loving) warning?

What is God saying to you through this passage?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.