

# sermon notes

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## ***Two Tell-tale Signs of the Falsely Converted:***

- 1) They fail to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (10:26-31)
  - a. Thus \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God underfoot
  - b. Thus \_\_\_\_\_ the blood of the new covenant
  - c. Thus \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit
- 2) They fail to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (10:32-39)

## **Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:**

### **GO DEEPER**

Read Hebrews 10:26-31. What does “sinning deliberately” mean? Is this a failure to defeat sin or an unwillingness to repent? There are two mentions of those who “shrink back” in this passage (see 10:38-39). What does it mean to shrink back? Is someone who shrinks back from their faith in Christ truly saved?

Read Hebrews 10:32-39. These Christians in Hebrews were able to endure great suffering and even the plundering of their property. How is that possible for a follower of Christ? Does the Bible say that Christians will be preserved from these kinds of trials and persecution? What Scriptures speak to this in the NT? What can we learn from responses to persecution in the NT?

What does it mean to outrage “the Spirit of grace” (10:29)? Is this related to the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit that Jesus talked about? What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit? Is there an unforgivable sin that we can commit? For help with these questions, see the following videos:

D.A. Carson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mK1dIDCY1rI>

Thomas Schreiner: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g-60kufB7Y>

### **GET PERSONAL**

The author of Hebrews has his moments of encouragement in this book. But he also has severe warnings (2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:12; 10:26-39; 12:14-29). Why do we need warnings? How can you take these warnings to heart? How do we understand these warnings in light of God’s promises to us?

How would you respond if the government wrongfully took your possessions and put your friends in prison? Would you joyfully accept this like the recipients of this letter (10:32-34)? Do you know that you have a better possession and an abiding one (10:34)? What is that possession?

### **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE**

The author of Hebrews says, “do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward” (10:35). How do we positively build our confidence and endure as followers of Christ? What builds your confidence? What strengthens your hope in the midst of trials and difficulties? What are some things to avoid that destabilize your confidence?

### **ADVANCED QUESTION**

What does the theological term “Perseverance of the Saints” mean? For help with this, read the following essay at the TGC website:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/preservation-and-perseverance/>

For more on how “Perseverance of the Saints” fits into the Reformed understanding of salvation, see the following video:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/MLriOASEdePs>