

A TERRIFYING THING

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Week of May 11, 2025

Rejecting Christ Makes Us an _____ of God (26-27)

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What is the significance of the word translated "willfully" in verse 26? Is the author describing any kind of sinful activity? Or a particular kind of sinful behavior?

3. Though we have firmly established that genuine salvation is secure (i.e. we cannot lose our salvation if we have genuinely placed our faith in Christ) in past chapters, verse 26 ought to give us pause. What does the author mean by "there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" for those who "go on sinning willfully"?

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4. All of us at one time or another been caught up in "besetting" sins – sins that we find great difficulty in defeating. Is there a difference between someone who seems stuck in a "sin-repent-sin-repent" cycle, and someone who has "trampled under foot the Son of God" (verse 29)? How can we identify the difference, both in ourselves and in those we are called to disciple and/or hold accountable? (Hint: check out 2 Cor. 7:8-11 as a starting place.)

5. If our God is a God of love, mercy, and grace, why would verse 31 claim it is "a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God"? Terrifying in what way, and for whom?

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6. This warning seems directed at two primary audiences: 1) genuine believers who are (or may in the future) fall into sinful patterns, and 2) those who are self-deceived, trusting in the law or their own works to save them, and not genuinely trusting in Christ. Two questions:

a. How should believers respond to a warning like this? What instruction should we take away from it?

b. What can we do at VBC to ensure (to the best of our ability, knowing that ultimately it is God who saves) that no person attending our church can remain in the "self-deceived" category for long? In other words, how can we make sure the full truth of the Gospel is clearly communicated to every person who calls VBC home?

7. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one way your thinking and/or actions have changed as a result of studying this passage?