



## How Do I Treat Jesus?

10.27.19 | Hebrews 10:26-39

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Two helpful ways to view the letter to the Hebrew congregation:

1. View the letter as a series of sermons written to church members in various stages of spiritual growth.
2. View the letter as a spiral staircase bringing back the main points but taking us higher with each chapter.

- Let us draw near to God. **Hebrews 10:22**
- Let us hold fast, remain faithful to God. **Hebrews 10:23**
- Let us encourage one another to know love and serve God. **Hebrews 10:24-25**

**Historically, Christians** have been deeply concerned with having an accurate view of Jesus. Modern American Christianity does not seem worried with such a task. There is not a sense of life or death importance when dealing with deity.

**Hebrews 10:26-31** *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,<sup>27</sup> but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.<sup>29</sup> **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?**<sup>30</sup> For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."<sup>31</sup> It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Under the Old Covenant, if an Israelite spurned the Mosaic Law, and at least two or three witnesses verified his actions, he was put to death. The author argued that if defiance of an inferior covenant, which was only the symbol, could bring such judgment, **what about defiance of the person of Christ? What judgment awaits such treatment to Christ?**

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God does *not* take lightly the rejection of His Son and spiritual rebellion.

- Group one – those who denounce and deny Christ as a non-believer.
- Group two – those who disgrace and dishonor Christ as a true believer.

**Matthew 7:21-23** *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.<sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'<sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

**John 5:39-40** *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.<sup>40</sup> But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.*

**Matthew 13** | Parable of Satan planting weeds among wheat

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

**1 John 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

**Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. (Aspah in **Psalm 73**)

**2 Timothy 2:24-26** And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

**James 5:19** Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. (Prodigal Son – **Luke 15**)

**2 Peter 3:16-17** You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; <sup>18</sup> but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Our obedience to Christ doesn't earn salvation; it confirms it.

**Hebrews 10:32-39** But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: <sup>33</sup> partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; <sup>34</sup> for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: <sup>37</sup> "For yet a little while And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. <sup>38</sup> Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

**Galatians 6:9-10** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.