

Looking ahead -

**Dec. 29** - No class. All Big Groups do not meet the Sunday between Christmas and New Years.

#### "SINNING WILLFULLY"

#### PART II

Hebrews 10:26-31

December 15, 2013

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## **Deut 17:2-7**

- 2 "If there is found in your midst, in any of your towns, which the Lord your God is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, by transgressing His covenant,
- 3 and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded,
- 4 and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. Behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel,
- 5 then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed to your gates, that is, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them to death.
- 6 "On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.
- 7 "The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

# Matt 18:15-16, 20

- 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.
- 20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

## 2 Cor 13:1

13 This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

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# Severer punishment for:

1. Trampling under foot the Son of God.

2. Regarding as unclean the blood of the covenant.

3. Insulting the Spirit of Grace.

## Matt 5:13

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

### **Matt 7:6**

6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

## **Luke 8:5**

5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.

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# **Holy Spirit**

# <u>Believer</u>

# 1. Quench the Spirit.

1 Thess 5:19

19 Do not quench the Spirit;

## 2. Grieve the Spirit.

## Eph 4:30

30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

# <u>Unbeliever</u>

# 1. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

#### Matt 12:31

31 "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

# 2. Insult the Holy Spirit.

#### Heb 10:29

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### Luke 12:42-48

- 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?
- 43 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.
- 44 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.
- 45 "But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;
- 46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.
- 47 "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,
- 48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few.

## Matt 11:21-24

- 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
- 22 "Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.
- 23 "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.
- 24 "Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you."

## Rom 2:5-6

- 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- 6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

## 2 Peter 2:20-21

- 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.
- 21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

## Rev 20:12-15

- 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
- 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.
- 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

# Severer Punishment for:

- Rejection of Christ.
- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.
- Greater knowledge of the truth.
- Rejecting God through His natural revelation in nature.
- Religious leaders that lead people to hell.
- Opposing the spread of the Gospel.
- False christs /antichrists.
- False teachers.
- Heinous crimes.
- Different levels of criminal acts.

Judas Iscariot or Hitler?

 The heathen in Africa who has never heard the gospel or the person living in the U.S who has heard the gospel many times?

Rev. Moon or Richard Dawkins?

 One who commits murder or one who rejects Christ?

Pharaoh, King of Egypt, or the Pope?

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