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# A Closer Relationship with God

## Motivated by the Fear of Being Phony

part 3



1. Take \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.26-27)

2. Highly \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.28-29)

3. Love \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.30-31)

Hebrews 10:26-31

<sup>26</sup> If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup> but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

<sup>28</sup> Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

<sup>29</sup> How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

<sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." <sup>31</sup> It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (NIV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What evidence do you see in modern Christianity where God's character is promoted as "slanted" or "lopsided" so that he appears as "softer & gentler" than actually is depicted in the pages of the Bible?

Why do you think this is the tendency for churches today?

2. What would you say to a person who says that sin is "not a big deal" as a Christian because they can always count on the "grace of God" to forgive him or her afterward?

Read of the problem described in **Jude 4**. How does the teaching about grace in **Titus 2:11-12** help you in confronting the error peddled in the name of "grace" in **Jude 4**?

3. Read **1 Peter 1:17-19**. What can you do to increase the value you place on the incredible love that sought to redeem you from a life of sinful indulgence?
4. Read **Deuteronomy 10:12**. Describe a love that maintains a biblical fear. How is it distinguished from a kind of "love" devoid of biblical fear and respect?

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this week's schedule:

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Gen.42-43 & Mt.21*

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Gen.44-45 & Mt.22*

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Gen.46-47 & Mt.23*

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Gen.48-50 & Mt.24*

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.1-2 & Mt.25*

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.3-4 & Mt.26*

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.5-6 & Mt.27*

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.7-8 & Mt.28*

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministry window in the lobby immediately following the conclusion of today's service. Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0622 – **Taking a Closer Look at Spiritual Defection**

CD # 0567 – **Being Totally Honest About Your Sin**

CD # 9827 – **The Hazards of Church**

CD # 0621 – **Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ**

CD # 0623 – **Examining the Difference That Really Matters**

CD # 0624 – **Making Absolutely Sure We Don't Miss It**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.

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