

Question: Willful sin/Unforgivable sin:

- ✓ What similarities are there between the experience of the first generation of Israel to come out of Egypt that led to the events at Kadesh Barnea, the experience of the Jews at the Lord's first advent that led to the Kingdom of the Heavens being taken from them and the Church at large today?
- ✓ Thus, drawing from both **Numbers 13-15** and **Hebrews 3, 4, 6**, it can easily be shown how Christians, in Hebrews 10:26ff, can sin willfully today. They can do so ONLY through ONE means:
- ✓ They can do so through coming into a mature knowledge of the truth surrounding their calling, and THEN apostatizing (turning away from this truth).
- ✓ Any Christian committing such an act, according to **Heb. 10:29**, will have done three things:

1) He will have trodden "under foot the Son of God."

2) He will have considered the blood of Christ "an unholy ['a common'] thing."

3) He will have insulted "the Spirit of grace."

- ✓ God places the willful sin in a category of this nature simply because of the high place in which He holds that which He has stated concerning the coming reign of His Son.
- ✓ And, according to Scripture, ANY Christian coming into a mature knowledge of that which God has stated in this realm, in His Word, and THEN turning away — apostatizing — has ONLY ONE thing awaiting him:

*"...a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries" (**Heb.10:27**).*

Heb. 10:30, 31 "Then note how verses thirty and thirty-one parallel **II Cor. 5:10, 11**:

"For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God"

II Cor. 5:10, 11 *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord [WHEN, WHERE? At the judgment seat, v. 10], we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences"*