

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

December 23, 2018

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *What Are The Mysteries We're Supposed to Be Stewards Of?* (I Corinthians 4:1)

### Announcements:

**A blessed Christmas** to all members of our church family!

**If you can help** with an offering for Dave and Sandy Stewart, please see Pastor Kurth.

**Free books!** *Berean Bible Society* is giving away copies of Pastor Stam's book *The Author's Choice*. Pick one up today!

**Paul Balbach** will fill in for Dave Stewart next Sunday.

**Midweek Bible study:** Postponed while Steve is away.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone  
**Hebrews 10:26-28** *Does Sinning Wilfully Cancel Salvation*

Christ made "one sacrifice for sins" (Heb.10:12) and our text says if you sin wilfully "there remaineth *no more sacrifice for sins.*" But it can't be saying that sin can cancel salvation, or negate the effect of Christ's sacrifice, for "He is able...to save them *to the uttermost*" (Heb.7:25). Not just *from* the uttermost punishment in Hell, but *to* the uttermost blessing, salvation! So our text must mean something else. And it does!

Under the law, there were two kinds of sinners, those who sinned *ignorantly* (Num.15:29), someone who did wrong without knowing it, and *presumptuously* (v.30), someone who knew what was wrong but sinned anyway. And *presumptuously* is a synonym for *wilfully*. If you sinned wilfully you "died without mercy" (Heb.10:28), *but not if you sinned ignorantly* (Deut.29:4-6). Murderers had to die because they sinned wilfully (Num.35:30), but manslaughter could flee to a city of refuge (Num.35:11).

But if you sinned a sin of ignorance, you had to bring a sacrifice (Lev.4:2,3). Even priests (v.3) and rulers (4:22,23) once he can "come to his knowledge" of sin. The whole congregation could also sin ignorantly (4:13,14), as they did at the cross, with their "rulers" (Acts 3:17). They didn't know they were doing wrong (Lu.23:35). They thought the Lord was guilty of blasphemy (Mark 14:61-64), a sin punished by death (John 19:7), so they thought they were doing *right* in executing Him.

But when Peter read their indictment, He gave them the knowledge of sin when he told them they crucified the Holy One and the Just, the Prince of Life (Acts 3:12-17). After that they were supposed to bring a sacrifice according to Leviticus 4. Only now the only sacrifice God was interested in was Christ's!

But how could they bring that sacrifice to God? Same way Paul did. He was murdering God's people, but did it

“ignorantly” (ITim.1:12,13), so he “obtained mercy” instead of dying without mercy (Heb.10:28).

But how did he bring the sacrifice of Christ? When he acknowledged that Jesus was the Lord (Acts 9:6), *God applied the sacrifice of Christ to him.*

But did the whole congregation of Israel do that? No, they refused to admit Jesus was the Christ and get eternal life (John 20:31), and so *for them* “there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.”

You see, Hebrews 10:26 isn’t about *canceling* anyone’s salvation, it is about *denying* salvation to unbelievers. The writer was saved, but he used the word “we” in the editorial sense. That epistle was written to the Hebrews, and not all Hebrews were saved. If Hebrews in that day didn’t believe, all that was left for them was the judgment of fiery indignation (Heb.10:27) of the Second Coming (Zeph.3:8) that they would have lived to see if the dispensation of grace hadn’t interrupted God’s prophetic program, and the fiery indignation of Hell to follow (Rev.14:10,11).

That whole congregation of Israel in Peter’s day refused to acknowledge Jesus was their Christ, so there was no more sacrifice for sins for them. That’s why Peter told individual Jews to save themselves *from that generation* (Acts 2:40). You see, individuals could still be saved, even if the whole congregation refused to. If the common people sinned a sin of ignorance, they could be saved if *they* brought a sacrifice (Lev.4:27,28).

We know that some of them did, for Hebrews 6:18-20 describes them as those who had “fled” for “refuge” to Christ. That means the cities of refuge to which sinners fled after sinning a sin of ignorance (Num.35:6) were types of Christ. They were safe in those cities until the death of the high priest (Num.35:25), but Israel’s high priest in Peter’s day was Christ (Heb.4:14), *who will never die.* That’s why sinners are safe in Him *to the uttermost* (Heb.7:24,25). And our Apostle Paul says that the same thing is true of Christ for us Gentiles, He ever lives to make intercession *for us* (Romans 8:34).

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**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.**

*Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart*

**Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.**

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

**Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.**

*Myrtle Harrison*

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.**

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