## A Call to Persevere - Hebrews 10:19-39

*Topics:* Atonement, Backslide, Encouragement, Forgiveness, Hope, Jesus Christ, Joy, Judgment, Love, Mediator, New Covenant, Persecution, Perseverance, Rewards, Salvation, Sincerity

### **Open It**

- 1. When in your life did you "hang in there" the longest in the face of an extremely difficult situation?
- 2. Who has encouraged you the most in the last six months?
- \* 3. How highly does your boss value perseverance in his or her employees?

# **Explore It**

- 4. Why did the author say that those under the new covenant could draw near to God? (10:19-22)
- 5. What has Jesus done for those under the new covenant? (10:20)
- 6. What privilege comes to those who are part of the "house of God"? (10:22)
- 7. What must happen before a person can draw near to God? (10:22)
- 8. What happens to the guilty conscience of those who put their faith in Christ? (10:22)
- \* 9. Why are Christians able to persevere in following Christ? (10:23)
  - 10. What kind of behavior should believers in Christ exhibit toward one another? (10:24-25)
  - 11. What will happen to God's enemies? (10:26-27)
  - 12. Why is rejecting Christ more serious than rejecting the old covenant? (10:28-29)
  - 13. What did the author consider "a dreadful thing"? (10:31)
- \* 14. How had the Hebrew Christians responded to persecution at first? (10:32-34)
- \* 15. What is promised to those who persevere? (10:35-39)

#### Get It

- 16. How does the complete forgiveness and help offered by Christ motivate you to draw near to God?
- 17. When in your life have you felt the cleanest or most innocent? Why?
- \* 18. How could someone best spur you on "toward love and good deeds"?
  - 19. How do you personally feel about going to church or involvement in Christian groups?
- \* 20. How does the certainty of God's judgment challenge you?
  - 21. What is behind the ups and downs in your spiritual journey?

# **Apply It**

- \* 22. What is one small project you could complete today to encourage a Christian friend to persevere in his or her faith?
  - 23. What can you do differently in your devotional times this week to "draw near to God"?
  - 24. Since we are called to live by faith (10:38), what is one bold step of trust in God you can take today?