

## Anonymous Letter to the Christian Community in Rome – Part 11 (c. 63–64)

Hebrews 10:19–39

### Hold Fast the Confession of Our Hope

19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,  
 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,  
 21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God,  
 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.  
 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;  
 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,  
 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

### Fourth Warning—The Danger of Rejecting Christ’s Sacrifice

26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,  
 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.  
 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three* witnesses.  
 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?  
 30 For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” [[Deut 32:35a](#)] And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.” [[Deut 32:36a](#)] (LXX); cf. [[Ps 135:14](#)] (LXX 134:14)  
 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.  
 32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,  
 33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.  
 34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.  
 35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.  
 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, [[Isa 26:20](#)] (LXX)  
 HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.  
 38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;  
 AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM. [[Hab 2:3–4](#)]

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.