

## **The Sin unto Death**

- I.** The spiritual Christian fears, respects, the Lord (Pet. 3:15).
  1. Fear of failing to live the Christian life (Rom. 11:20).
  2. Fear of planning and doing that which is lacking in character for a Christian (Rom. 13:4).
  3. Fear of being deceived by Satan (2 Cor. 11:3).
  4. Fear of making up rules to appear righteous (Gal. 4:4).
  5. Fear of resenting circumstances (Eph. 6:5).
  6. Fear of discipline (Heb. 10:31).
  7. Spiritual Christians fear displeasing the Lord (Phil. 2:12).
  8. No fear in fulfilling the New Commandment (1 Jn. 4:18).
  9. No fear in what man can do to us (Heb. 13:6).
  
- II.** The Father's family discipline.
  1. The Father disciplines (Heb. 12:5-11):
    - 1) Those in His family only—proof of salvation.
    - 2) Those He is loving.
  2. The chastisement keeps us from being condemned along with the world (1 Cor. 10:32).
  3. The Father's correction has a progression of severity (1 Cor. 11:32 cf. Heb. 12:11).
  
- III.** The sin unto death (1 Jn. 5:16).
  1. Different words, concept translated 'death' and 'to die': state of death, process of death, the point of death, kill, slay murder, slaughter.
  2. The point of no return for an enlightened Christian who willfully lives a life of sin (Heb. 10:26).
    - 1) Context: forsaking to assemble together (v. 25).
    - 2) Condition: worse off than those who died under the Law (v. 29).
    - 3) Threat: death (v. 28).
  3. More enlightenment—more responsibility (2 Pet. 20:20-21).