



# CHRIST-CONFESSING METHODIST CHURCH

AGAINST THIS CHRIST-DENYING WORLD

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## Section 2

To all Christians in our Christ-confessing Church

It is only reasonable to expect that after all that Christ has done in obedience to God that Christians should be filled with gratitude and that that will occupy their thoughts constantly. We must understand that God made us for Himself. Our first priority should be to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind. We must also recognize that we are condemned since condemnation came upon the whole world. There is no hope for people who just dabble in the Faith and think they will get away with it. This is made clear in the passage from Hebrews.

Reader, will you please for your sake and for the sake of God's love for you, make certain that you have eternal life, not when you die, but now. *"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."* **John 17:3** This is a clear definition of eternal life: to know God personally and intimately. If you don't want to know God like that, then there is of course nothing more to be done and your destiny will be dreadful.

In this section from Hebrews, we read in verse 27 *"but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God"*. The writer also mentions how dreadful it was in the time of Moses. How much more severe will it not be for us who trample the blood of the covenant that sanctifies us and insults the spirit of grace. Is that not more common than what we are ready to admit? It would be wise for us to carefully examine our own lives and truthfully decide whether we believe or do not believe. Remember nothing at all is hid from Him. We must level with God and He will respond to that. But where there are lies and deceit He is not. Spend time with God; this is eternal life! If you don't know that you have eternal life, then you don't, because of our states quo. *"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."* **John 3:18** This passage from Hebrews makes it clear to us that it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

It is also necessary to note that the ministers of our church and those in training are being steeped in the Word of God and other disciplines that makes them equipped to serve God by the Holy Spirit. Their training is far more focused and thorough than most ministers these days. Please make use of them. It is all to help you. It is my responsibility to pray and seek God's mercy, but also to make sure that every one in this church is spiritually prepared and ready for eternity.

Please study the following passage of Scripture.

### HEBREWS 10:26-31

*If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.*

*Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.*

*How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people."*

*It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*