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**Please explain Heb. 10:26. What is the willful sin?**

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." The word here translated *willfully* occurs one other time in the New Testament: "Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising oversight, not of constraint, but willingly" (I Pet. 5:2). Here the word is translated *willingly* and is put in opposition to *constraint*. It shows that to do a thing willingly, or willfully, is to do *it* voluntarily, without being constrained to do so. Hence, **to sin willfully is to sin deliberately and voluntarily, simply because we choose to do so. To sin because of ignorance or because of strong passion is not to sin willfully.** Under the law, in offering animal sacrifices, man might for some reason reject one and choose another. Now, Christ is our only sacrifice. If we reject him, there is no other sacrifice. The connection shows that **the writer refers to the sin of wilfully forsaking the assembly of the saints. If one quit meeting with the Christians, that was an open way of forsaking Christ.** To do so would be to sin wilfully. He should know that in forsaking Christ he was giving up his only sacrifice for sin. (Emp. Mine, w.d.) (REFLECTIONS, pp. 161, 162).