

The Unpardonable Sin

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What IS the unpardonable sin? Is it Murder? No, look at Moses who became the leader of God's people. Is it lying or deception? No, look at Jacob who became the father of God's nation Israel. Is it denying Christ? No, look at Peter who was later filled with the Spirit and called three thousand people to repentance in one sermon! Is it persecuting God's people? No, look at Saul who became the author of most of the New Testament. Is it adultery? No, look at the woman caught in that sin who was told, in her shame and embarrassment, that she was not condemned, but to go and sin no more. In the Scripture you can see that humans are GREAT sinners, but there is a GREAT Savior!

1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Admitting sin to God is to be done in private, believing based on His Word that He will forgive you as He has said.

Hebrews 8:12 - "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

John 3:16 - "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Salvation is available, we just need to accept it.

1 John 1:7 - "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." When we turn from our own ways and follow God's leading through His Word all the above promises are available to us! Notice what Jesus says in **John 14:12**, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

Matthew 12:31-32 - "I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the **blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven** unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Wha!? What does that mean!?

The unpardonable sin is not a kind or type of sin, but a continual rejecting of God's Holy Spirit prompting you to accept the truths of the Bible.

Have you ever heard a plane or jet take off near you? It's moving, to say the least. You've certainly heard a plane up in the sky many thousands of feet away... but it's much quieter. This is how it is with the Spirit of God. You hear truth and He is loud in your conscience. As you reject His promptings (that still, small voice in your head that convicts you about what is truth), His voice becomes quieter, until you cannot hear Him any longer—thus committing the unpardonable sin. If God cannot draw you with His Spirit, He cannot draw you at all.

Matthew 24:37 - "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Genesis 6:3 - “The LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man.” The striving referred to here is the Holy Spirit’s conviction on the human heart to follow the revealed will of God through His holy prophets—in this case, Noah.

John 16:8 - “When He (the Holy Spirit) is come, He will reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

John 3:8 - “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (ESV)

John 16:13 - “When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, **He will guide you into all truth**: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.” Not everyone wants to be lead ‘into all truth,’ unfortunately. So, if one turns from where the Spirit would have them go, they are pushing the Him away, leading to the unpardonable sin.

Luke 11:13 - “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more** shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to them that **ask** Him?” God is not trying to keep the Holy Spirit from anyone, yet is waiting for people to accept with the whole heart the truths He is revealing in His Word.

Acts 1:8 - “Ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto Me...” Notice who Christ gives the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-17 - “If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

Acts 5:32 - “We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the **Holy Ghost**, whom **God hath given to them that obey Him**.” Just as you wouldn’t give the keys for your car to a five year old child, God will not give the Holy Spirit to those who will mistreat and misuse Him—it would be dangerous.

Psalms 51:11 - “Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.”

The story of Saul illustrates that hardening the heart toward truth lead to spiritual destruction.

1 Samuel 15:22 - “Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” **God wanted obedience more than just worship in the story of Saul.** The result was terrible in 1 Samuel 16:14, “The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.”

Revelation 22:17 - “The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let him that heareth say, “Come.” And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”