

An Unpardonable Sin

“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come” (Matt 12:31-32). Some read this passage and are terrified they have committed an unforgivable sin and thus have no hope of God’s forgiveness and eternal salvation.

However, Jesus gave the warning in Matthew 12 after being accused of casting out demons by Satan’s power. Jesus warned His opponents that if they rejected His work then they would have only one avenue remaining by which they could be saved.

That avenue was provided when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). ***The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is when one speaks falsely against the message and power given to the apostles by the Holy Spirit*** (Acts 1, 2; Heb 2:3-4; Mk 16:19-20). The Spirit’s message is recorded in the New Testament to provide the basis for our faith in Jesus Christ (1 Cor 2:11-13).

Our greatest blessing is gained when God removes the guilt of our sins (Psa 32:1-2). The Holy Spirit has revealed the truth about Jesus and the forgiveness of sins offered through Him (Acts 2:22-41; 3:12-26; 13:14-39; 26:1-23). Read the preceding passages and do not *blaspheme* but rather *believe* what the Spirit has revealed, and then do what was commanded for the forgiveness of your sins. May we help you in your study?

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