

The Unpardonable Sin



Matthew 12:22-32 A house Divided Cannot Stand - The Pharisees question the healing of a blind and mute man, saying it was through the power of Beelzebub.



Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

Matthew 12:31–32

“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.”

Mark 3:28–30

“Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation” — because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Luke 12:10

“And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.”



The Context

Jesus healed a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute. The Pharisees, witnessing an undeniable miracle of the Holy Spirit, deliberately attributed it to Satan (Beelzebub), calling God's work demonic.

What Is It?

The willful, conscious, and persistent rejection of the Holy Spirit's testimony about Christ. It is not a momentary doubt or single act of sin, but a hardened, final refusal to acknowledge the Spirit's work — calling what is clearly of God the work of the devil.

Why Is It Unforgivable?

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin and draws people to repentance (John 16:8). To permanently reject and blaspheme the Spirit is to cut off the only means by which forgiveness comes. It is unforgivable not because God's grace is limited, but because the person has closed the only door to receiving it.

Key Distinction

Speaking against the Son of Man (Jesus in His humanity) can be forgiven — even Peter denied Christ and was restored. But attributing the Spirit's clear, miraculous work to Satan represents a deliberate hardening beyond repentance (Hebrews 6:4–6).

Pastoral Guidance for the Fearful Believer

"If you fear you've committed the unpardonable sin, that very fear is evidence you haven't."

The Fear Itself Is a Sign of Grace

The person who has truly blasphemed the Holy Spirit shows no concern about it. They have a hardened heart that feels no conviction or remorse.

If you are worried, grieved, or anxious about this sin, the Holy Spirit is still actively working in your heart. That conviction is itself proof that the Spirit has not been permanently rejected.

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

– **Romans 8:16**



What It Is Not

The unpardonable sin is not a single moment of doubt, a season of backsliding, cursing in anger, or struggling with intrusive thoughts. It is not denying Christ under pressure – Peter did that and was fully restored.

It is a deliberate, sustained, and conscious choice to attribute the Holy Spirit's work to Satan – not a momentary lapse but a settled posture of the heart against God's truth.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

– **1 John 1:9**

Rest in God's Promise

God's desire is not to condemn but to save. Jesus said He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The door of repentance stands open to anyone willing to walk through it.

No trial, no failure, no dark season of the soul can sever a believer from the love of Christ. Take heart and draw near to God with confidence.

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life ... nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

– **Romans 8:38–39**

Verses to Take Home

Meditate on these truths this week

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The door is always open to the repentant heart. God’s faithfulness to forgive is guaranteed by His own character — not by the strength of our confession.



James 4:8

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If you are carrying fear, guilt, or unanswered questions tonight,
you are not beyond God’s reach. You are not too far gone.

He is waiting with open arms.



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