

*The
Unforgivable
Sin*

Mark 3:22-30

The Great Opposition

- **Mark 3:6**, Pharisees & Herodians
- **Mark 3:22**, Scribes in Jerusalem accused Jesus of being from Satan
- **Mark 3:23-26**, Scribes answered
 - How can Satan fight against himself?
 - How could Satan cast out himself?
 - How can a house stand divided against its self?

Jesus' Charge Against The Scribes

- The Parable

- **Mark 3:27**, *“No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.”*

- Strong man—Satan

- House—Evil World

- Human heart—Great battlefield

- Stronger who binds/wins—Jesus

- Jesus first bound Satan—**Matthew 4:1-11**

- Jesus wins every battle, **Mark 3:22-30**

Mark & Matthew's Account

- All Sins Shall Be Forgiven???
 - **Mark 3:28**, *“Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith so ever they shall blaspheme...”*
 - All sins committed by the human race
 - All sins forgiven upon proper repentance and obedience, (EXCEPT ONE---**Vs. 29**)
 - Blaspheme... (Thayer)
 - *Speak reproachfully, Rail at, to Revile*
 - *In other words, “to speak evil of”*

Mark & Matthew's Account

- The Unforgivable Sin
 - **Mark 3:29**, *“But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”*
 - Jesus addresses the people
 - Jesus issues the scribes a warning
 - They hadn't reached the fatal step
 - *“shall”*
 - *“is in danger”*

What is this “Unforgivable Sin”?

- These words have troubled many!
 - Have I ever committed this “**eternal sin**”? (ESV)
 - Have I committed a sin that can’t be forgiven?

What is this SIN!

What is this fatal step?

What is the sin against the Holy Spirit?

***Denying the only hope of salvation!
So hardened that there is no return!***

Can We Sin This Sin?

- A Condition of On-going rebellion
 - Sin openly & knowingly, (headed that way)
 - **Hebrews 6:6**, *“If they shall fall away... they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”*
 - Sin continually & willfully, (closer & closer)
 - **Hebrews 10:26**, *“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins”*

The Scared, Hardened Heart

- **1 Timothy 4:1-2**, *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron...”*
- **Hebrews 3:7**, *“Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”*
- **James 4:8**, *“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”*

The Scribes Behavior

- **Mark 3:30**, *“He has an unclean spirit.”*
 - They spoke evil of the Holy Spirit
 - They attributed Jesus power to cast out demons to Beelzebub (Satan)
 - They called the Holy Spirit a demon
 - **Acts 2:1-4**, Holy Spirit filling the Apostles
 - They denied evidence Jesus as God’s son

The Scribes were giving up their
ONLY HOPE OF FORGIVENESS

How Do We Commit This Sin?

- **Conditions for Committing this Sin**

- Denying God's existence
- Denying that Jesus is the Son of God
- Denying God's word
- Claiming another Gospel, **Galatians 1:6-9**

- **Consequences of Committing this Sin**

- Fearful expectations at judgment, **Heb. 10:27**
- Fiery indignation, **Heb. 10:27; 2 Thes. 1:7-9**
- Worse punishment than death, **Heb. 10:28-29**
- Vengeance & judgment by the Lord, **Heb. 30-31**

Conclusion to This Matter

- **The Bottom Line**

- If you worry you have committed the unpardonable sin you haven't!
- The fact one is concerned indicates the sin can be forgiven! (Any Sin!)
- The unpardonable Sin is the rejection God's inspired word, given by of the Holy Spirit!

ALL SINS ARE FORGIVABLE...

IF We Repent & Obey God's Will

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