

“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.”



Matthew 12:31

What is the one sin that God cannot forgive? I have met people who have committed terrible sins and they think that they have committed the unpardonable sin. Is the unpardonable sin murder? Maybe it's adultery?

Some believe the unpardonable sin is cursing the name of Jesus. What we will see from the Bible is the unpardonable is not a type of sin (killing, stealing, lying), but it is a process of sin that generally takes place over one's lifetime. It is a continual resistance against the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. If we want to know how to not commit the unpardonable sin, then we must understand the great work of the Holy Spirit.

1. What is the sin that God cannot forgive? Matthew 12:31

The Bible says that all kinds of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven. So none of the sins listed in our opening paragraph is the sin that God cannot forgive. No single act of any kind is the unpardonable sin. It may sound contradictory, but both of the following statements are true:

- *Any and every kind of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven.*
- *The blasphemy or sin against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.*

2. What is one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit? John 16:13

The first job of the Holy Spirit is to lead us to the truth; therefore, those who resist following truth are in the process of committing the unpardonable sin. The same Holy Spirit Who inspired the Bible writers to write what they wrote, not only impresses our heart to believe but also to follow what was written.

3. In Luke 16:31, what does the phrase, "Moses and the prophets" refer to?
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*The Scriptures are enough, they are sufficient proof of what is truth!! **So whatever God has said in the Bible, by faith, step out and do it.** Some want to wait for a special feeling or sign from heaven before they accept and follow truth. We must make an intelligent choice to act on the Word of God. God's Word is sufficient proof of what we ought to be doing.*

4. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:10, why does Paul tell us that some will perish?
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Truth is not subject to opinion, what I believe, or what I know. Truth is Fact and it never dies; it is not subject to a politically correct society; it was the truth before it was believed and it will remain the truth if isn't believed. In every seminar that I do, there are some who begin to commit the unpardonable sin as they come out night by night and hear the truth from the Bible and they know that it is the truth, but they don't love it enough to say, "Yes, Jesus, I will follow you."

5. What warning do we find in John 12:35?
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6. What is another job of the Holy Spirit? John 16:8,9
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The Bible describes the second work of the Holy Spirit as reproving the world of sin. In other words, the Holy Spirit will show you where you are breaking God's Law.

7. The path of the just is compared to what in Proverbs 4:18?

If a person has tried to serve God faithfully, God honors his diligence by sending him more light through the Holy Spirit. But, if a person rejects God's truth and refuses to permit the Holy Spirit to guide him into all truth, the light, for him, cannot shine "more and more."

8. What should our ultimate authority be?

9. What do the following gates represent in Matthew 7:13,14?

Wide gate _____

Strait/Narrow gate _____

Sadly, most people are not looking for the truth. Instead, they're looking for a smooth, easy, comfortable religion that will still give them some sort of assurance of salvation. There is no true religion that will tell you to go on living as you like and still promise you eternal life at the end.

10. Will truth ever be popular?

*In John 7:48, there were some who wanted to follow Jesus but they waited to see what the crowd would do. They wanted to see if it was popular among the religious leaders. Friends, **truth will never be popular.***

11. In Acts 18:24-26, the Bible speaks of Apollos. Did he allow his education or previously held religious beliefs prevent himself from following new truth?

Apollos was educated but had a heart willing to learn and follow Bible truth.

12. What is the devil's favorite word?

The devil will tell you, "Don't make a decision now. Make it tomorrow. Don't follow that Bible teaching today or tonight. Do it tomorrow. Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Tomorrow!" Because tomorrow turns into weeks, and weeks into months and then years and finally the day will come suddenly—perhaps much more quickly than we even think—and there will be no more tomorrows. Procrastination is the #1 reason why people will commit the unpardonable sin and be lost.

13. What serious command did the apostle Paul give to the church in Thessalonica? 1 Thessalonians 5:19

The Holy Spirit's pleading is like a fire that burns in a person's mind and heart. Sin has the same effect on the Holy Spirit as water has upon fire. As we ignore the Holy Spirit and continue in sin, we pour water on the fire of the Holy Spirit. Paul's weighty words to the Thessalonians also apply to us today. Don't quench the fire of the Holy Spirit by repeatedly refusing to heed the Spirit's voice. If the fire goes out, we have passed the point of no return!

Will you decide now to always open the door as Jesus knocks at your heart and be willing to follow where He leads you? _____