

result from the fact that we have been in error, but from the fact that we have neglected heaven-sent opportunities to repent and follow the truth.

12. How will a person act if they are filled with the Holy Spirit?
Galatians 5:20-22

Note: Jumping, shouting, signs, and wonders are not the way to know if you have the Holy Spirit. The key factor to know whether you have the Holy Spirit is when a person is like Jesus.

13. Is there a biblical example of a man committing the unpardonable sin? 1Samuel 15:23-28, 16:13-14, 1Chronicles 10:13

Note: Saul was given many chances to repent, but did not. The last straw was when he went to a witch for counsel instead of praying to the Lord.

14. How does a man move toward committing the unpardonable sin?
Acts 7:51

Note: The Bible tells us that there are two basic ways to commit sin. 1. Luke 6:46 – Omission (Refusing to do right) 2. Ephesians 4:30 – Commission (Doing wrong.)

The unpardonable sin is like building a brick wall. Imagine a line in the middle of the room you are in. On one side is you and the other side is God. Whatever sin it is that you are struggling with, God says, “I offer you my Son” and you take a brick and put it down and that brick says NO! Time after time, year after year, this process is repeated. Pretty soon the wall is up to the ceiling and there is one hole left. God is shouting at you saying, “You don’t know how serious this is, NOW IS THE TIME”, and then you say no and put the last brick in the wall.

The unpardonable sin is not the first brick or the second brick. The unpardonable sin is the last brick, but when you repent, even though the wall may have been almost completed, it all comes down! The unpardonable sin is the sin you refuse to confess and repent of. God cannot forgive any sin that you do not repent of.

MY CHOICE: I want to confess, and repent of every known sin so I can have a clear conscience. I also want to be baptized into God’s remnant church.

Journey With Jesus



Lesson #29 The Unpardonable Sin

What is the unpardonable sin that Jesus speaks of in Matthew chapter 12? Some think it’s killing yourself or something else “really bad.” The good news about the unpardonable sin is that just before Jesus mentions it, He speaks about God’s willingness to forgive. What does the Bible say about the sin God cannot forgive?

1. How many kinds of sins can be forgiven by God? Mathew 12:31-32

*Note: Jesus said that every kind of sin can be forgiven except the sin against the Holy Spirit. **Moses killed** an Egyptian and many years later He was forgiven and called by God to lead His people out of Egypt. Murder is not the unpardonable sin. **Jacob lied** to his father pretending to be Esau and stole his brother’s birthright. Later, he decided to make things right with and God forgave him. No, the unpardonable sin is not lying.*

***Peter denied** Christ three times and then we see him in Acts chapter 2 preaching and nearly three thousand people were baptized. Surely, denying Christ is not the unpardonable sin. The **woman committed adultery** in John chapter 8. We are told in that same chapter that Jesus forgave her. No, adultery is not the unpardonable sin. If the unpardonable sin is not murder, lying, denying Christ, or adultery then what is it? Jesus said that all manner of sin can be forgiven. Maybe the unpardonable sin is not a type of sin. Maybe it is a degree of sin.*

2. What does God promise to do for us if we confess and turn away from our sins? 1John 1:9

Note: No matter what we have done in the past, if we come to God with a repentant attitude and a humble spirit He promises to always forgive us of our sins.

3. What kind of memory does God have when it comes to our sin? Hebrews 8:12

4. What if I don't feel like I'm forgiven? 1John 3:20

Note: The Bible nowhere teaches that we are to trust our feelings. Rather, the Bible says in 2Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Trusting how we feel is never safe measure of how we are doing spiritually.

5. What comes first, feeling good or obedience? Isaiah 48:18

Note: People would rather feel good than obey, but the Bible clearly says that only AFTER we obey is when our conscience can rest (see also Ps 18:44). Our feelings will tell us that we are right when we are completely wrong.

6. What did the Pharisees attribute the work of the Holy Spirit to? Matthew 12:24

Note: Notice that the unpardonable sin is something Jesus mentions after He refers to the Holy Spirit. Men in Christ's day attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to the Devil when they knew it was of God. They did it for personal reasons. Jesus was gaining a following and they were losing their influence over the people. This brings us to an important question.

7. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? John 16:8-11



Note: When we know what the work of the Holy Spirit is, then we can tell why the sin against the Holy Spirit is so unforgivable. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit convicts us of three things. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He teaches us the difference between right and wrong. Then He helps us to make the decision to do what is right.

8. When a person is convicted of sin what is the next step to take? Ezekiel 33:11

Note: The best time to respond to the Lord is when He calls us to repent.

9. Does man have the ability to feel sorry for sin? Philippians 2:13, Colossians 1:29

Note: The Bible says that sin separates us from God (Isa 59:2). What if you never felt bad or didn't know when you sinned? You would continue to drift further and further away from God. Conviction is the mercy of God. It is God's way of bringing man back to him to relieve him of his guilt. You cannot feel sorry for sin or repent without the Holy Spirit. Man does not have the ability to feel sorry for sin because man is utterly sinful (Jeremiah 13:23).

10. What does the Holy Spirit lead us into? John 16:13, John 14:15-16

Note: The Holy Spirit leads us to the truth. He doesn't lead you to some of the truth. He leads you into all of the truth. He points us to the mercy of Jesus and then impresses us to repent. So rejecting the truth is the same as rejecting the Holy Spirit because the job of the Spirit of the Lord is to convict us of the truth.

11. How do we know if we have the Holy Spirit? Acts 5:32; Hebrews 5:9

Note: Jesus said, "And why do you call me, Lord, Lord, and do not do the things which I say" Luke 6:46. How can we call Jesus Lord, Lord, and yet refuse to obey. People say Lord, you're my Lord, but I won't keep Your Sabbath. People say Lord, you're my Lord, but I'm going to drink socially. Mere profession means nothing. Our condemnation in the judgment will not