

The Unpardonable Sin

- I. Where did this idea come from? **Matthew 12:31&32**
- II. **John 10:10** states that Satan wants to steal, kill, and destroy. He does his best to convince us that we have committed the unpardonable sin & to give up.
- III. Jesus wants to give us abundant life. If our salvation was found in ourselves, we might lose it. But **Romans 3:24** says that our redemption is found in Christ. Our part is to believe that we have it and always respond to God's love.
- IV. Satan seeks to draw us to the unpardonable sin by making sin to appear that it is no longer sin. **Isaiah 5:20**
"Vice is a monster of frightful mien, As to be hated needs but to be seen; Yet seen to oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace." *Alexander Pope*
- V. Satan might discourage us with the thought that if we sinned willfully and deliberately, there is no chance of forgiveness. **Hebrews 10:26 Numbers 15:30**
- VI. Fortunately we have the sins of David to show us that this is not true. **Psalms 51:16&17**
- VII. What about **Hebrews 6:4-6**? The word "seeing" in verse 6 has been supplied. The text could read, "while they keep on crucifying the Son of God". You can't be forgiven if you defiantly keep on sinning.
- VIII. All of us often sin, knowing that we should not. This is the condition of the natural man. **Romans 7:18&19**
- IX. **Romans 6:13&14** reassures us that sin does not have to have dominion over us. The secret is yielding our will to God and asking for His power to obey.
- X. Definition of the Unpardonable Sin: "The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit does not lie in any sudden word or deed: it is the firm determined resistance of truth and evidence...The sin against the Holy Ghost is the sin of persistent refusal to respond to the invitation to repent." *Volume 5 of Bible Commentary, page 1093*
- XI. Those who come to Jesus will not be cast out. **John 6:37**
- XII. Satan seeks to destroy our capacity to believe and to respond to God's love. This is the condition of the Laodicean church. **Revelation 3:15-20** Only by opening the door to Jesus and repenting can we protect our ability to believe and respond to God's love.