

Have you committed the unpardonable sin?

Will God send us to hell because of one sin? It doesn't seem right, and it doesn't seem like God. Yet here's what Jesus said in **Mark 3:28,29**: "I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

What is the unpardonable sin against the Holy Spirit? More theories abound than you'll hear propounded at a liar's convention. You can attribute most of the speculation to ignorance of Scripture. Some folks find comfort in thinking that God's Holy Spirit no longer dwells in Christians anymore, so we can't be guilty of sinning against the Spirit today. They apparently forget what Jesus said in **John 14:16,17**: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth." God's Spirit remains present, and we can offend him. How?

Jesus' contemporaries kept asking him to show them a sign to prove that God sent him. Jesus never performed miracles and signs for effect or for money. He responded to real needs. He healed the sick, helped blind people see, and cast evil from people. After witnessing him do this, skeptics attributed Jesus' power to Beelzebub, the devil.

Ever had someone ask you for proof? "I'll believe it when I see it," he says. Even after seeing the evidence, that person rejects the facts. Jesus gave ample credentials. Still, Jesus' critics attributed his works to Satan. Through God's Word today, our consciences, and in other ways, the Holy Spirit speaks truth to us about our need to obey God. If we reject God's will, and continue to disobey, we might be committing The Unpardonable Sin.

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