

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

We are all sinners. We also know that if we turn over our sins to God through the Holy Spirit and ask for forgiveness, noting that we are sorry for our sins, we will be forgiven and saved. We know this as truth from Jesus being crucified on the cross, to the point of death, then God the Father rose him from death to defeat the sins of the world, giving salvation to all people who believe.

Have you ever wondered of all the sins that people are guilty of, is there one sin that God does not forgive? I have always heard that God forgives everything, all sins, if you come to him and ask for forgiveness. As a Christian, I wanted to know if this is true and turned to scripture for answers.

Mark 3:28-29 states, "Truly I tell you; people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

Matthew 12:31-32 states, "And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."

So, what do these two verses mean?

The interpretation signifies that the unpardonable sin is the willful and persistent rejection of the Holy Spirit, who convicts a person of sin and leads them to repentance. So, rejecting the Holy Spirit means cutting off the only path a person has to forgiveness. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit results in a person having an unrepentant, hardened heart that refuses to accept God's grace and salvation. God does not forgive sin in this case.

So, being Christians, don't worry about our sins, let the Holy Spirit guide us in asking forgiveness, let us repent, and then accept God's gifts to us. Amen.