

Matthew 12:31a The Pardonable Sin

Introduction: When I began to study for this message I thought I would preach on the “unpardonable sin.” But I never got that far. The thing which is astounding to me is not what is unpardonable, but that which is pardonable.

I. All manner of blasphemy and sin is pardonable.

- A. Jesus asserts that one can be guilty of all manner of sin and yet be forgiven. (Sin is the transgression of the Law.)
 - 1. Deceit and lies.
 - 2. Cheating, embezzlement, burglary, armed robbery.
 - 3. Gambling, fighting, rabble rousing.
 - 4. Unkindness and downright cruelty.
 - 5. Hatred and murder.
 - 6. Filthy language, even cursing, using God's name.
 - 7. Fornication, adultery, homosexuality, prostitution, incest, bestiality.
 - 8. Drunkenness, dope, selling dope
 - 9. He can be an unbeliever, a heretic, or even an atheist.
- B. “Blasphemy” means to speak bitterly, viciously against.
 - 1. The word can mean to curse, but no necessarily.
 - 2. It means to wage war with words. (To cut one down with words, to cut him to ribbons, to pierce him through as though with a sword.)
 - 3. One can blaspheme anything or anybody, but in Scripture the word primarily means to speak against God or against sacred things or sacred places.
- C. In our text Jesus asserts that one can blaspheme and yet be forgiven.
 - 1. He can blaspheme against God the Father Himself and yet be forgiven.
 - 2. He can blaspheme against Jesus and be forgive, verse 32.
 - 3. He can blaspheme against the Holy Temple and be forgiven.
 - 4. He can blaspheme against a New Testament church and be forgiven.
 - 5. He can blaspheme against Bible truth and yet be forgiven.
 - 6. He can blaspheme against God's people and yet be forgiven. (Preachers, deacons, church members.)

II. What it is to be forgiven.

- A. It means to be set free from the penalty of sin.
 - 1. Thus, no reason to go to hell. (No going to hell.)
 - 2. Thus there is no reason he cannot go to heaven. (He will go there.)
- B. It is as though he had never committed any sin.
- C. This is really amazing grace.

III. What is necessary for man's sins to be forgiven.

- A. It was necessary for Jesus to go to the cross.
 - 1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.
 - 2. The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin.
 - 3. It was necessary for the blood of Jesus to be shed, John 1:29, 1 John 1:7.
- B. It is necessary for the sinner to repent of his sin, Luke 13:3, 5.
 - 1. Repentance means to be sorry one is guilty.
 - 2. Repentance means also to be desirous of forgiveness from God.
 - 3. Repentance means to turn to God seeking forgiveness.

C. It is necessary for the sinner to trust Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

1. Trust Him to be able to forgive.
2. Trust Him to forgive.
3. Trust Him to save.

D. If one will trust Jesus then Jesus will forgive, John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:13.

E. If one will not trust Jesus he will not be forgiven, John 3:18.

Conclusion:

1. Are you aware that you are guilty of sin against God?
2. How do you feel about your sin? Do you feel justified or condemned because of your sin?
3. Do you want to be forgiven of your sin or do you want to spend eternity in hell suffering for your sin?
4. The Bible invites you to trust Jesus Christ and be forgiven, Acts 13:38.

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5. There is no reason for one to go to hell.
6. There is no reason to miss heaven.

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