

**PATHWAY TO PEACE: BIBLE STUDY GUIDE – LESSON 28**

**Lesson 28: “The Unpardonable Sin”**

Is there really a sin that God will not forgive? What is it? Is it stealing, robbery, murder? Is it a son killing his mother or mother killing her children? Now these sins are very wicked no doubt, but is this in of itself committing the unpardonable sin? What sin is so wicked that God will not grant pardon for it? On this lesson we will allow the bible to explain to us what the unpardonable sin is. This is a sin that all of us want to avoid at all cost.

**1. What is sin & how does God feel about sin?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 John 3:4, Romans 1:18, Isaiah 59:1-2

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Sin according to 1 John 3:4 is the “transgression of the law.” Sin is breaking the commandments of God found in Exodus 20:3-17. God's wrath is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness according to Romans 1:18. God hates sin and sin causes us to be separated from God. However there is still hope.

**2. How does God feel about us and what is the solution for sin?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Romans 8:38-39, Romans 5:6-8, Ezekiel 18:30-32, 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Matthew 1:21

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Praise God that even though sin causes us to be separated from God, nothing will separate us from His love. God's hates the sin but loves the sinner. He loves us so much that He has set in motion every provision for our salvation. He wants us all to be saved, not willing that any should perish. God sent His Son to pay the penalty of sin that we all deserve. However we must submit to Him, repent and turn from our wicked and sinful ways. Jesus came to save us from sin not in sin. If we want to experience salvation we must let go of sin and grab hold to Christ.

**3. Who Is Jesus?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** John 1:1-3,14, John 3:16, Philippians 2:5-8

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Jesus is the Son of God, He is equal to the Father. He became flesh and dwelt among us. God sent His Son to this earth that the world through Him might be saved.

**4. What and who does Christ represent?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** John 14:6-9

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Jesus came to this earth not only to die for the sins of mankind and live a perfect life but also to give the world a perfect representation of God the Father. Jesus also represents and is The Truth. Don't miss it friends. This is very important as we continue our study on the unpardonable sin.

**5. Now that we know that Christ represented the truth, what is the truth that He represented?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Psalm 119:142, Psalm 119:151, John 17:17

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God's law/commandments are truth, ALL of them. Christ represented and demonstrated this in His life. Christ made it very clear that He came not to destroy the law or the prophets but to fulfill according to Matthew 5:17. God's word, the bible is also 100% truth whether we accept what it contains or not.

**6. What did Jesus “The Truth” do?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** John 8:31-36, Luke 19:10

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Jesus “The Truth” sets people free. Many people are in bondage to sin and He works still today in setting people free from addiction, fear, guilt, pain and sin. When He was on this earth He sought out the lost so they could be saved. In all truth that is based on the word of God and the commandments of God it is designed to set people free not to leave them confused, lost, or bondage.

**7. How did Jesus “The Truth” set people free?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Luke 4:16-18, Matthew 9:27-36, Matthew 1:21

**Write bible answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus ministry was ordained and approved of God. The Spirit of God was upon Him. He did nothing but set at liberty them that were bruised, brought sight to the blind, preached deliverance to the captives, and preached the gospel to the poor. He reached out to people through preaching, teaching and healing them of their various sicknesses and diseases. This is what Jesus “The Truth” did. What is wrong with the truth? Jesus raised the dead, cast out devils, turned mourning to happiness and tears of joy to those who lost their loved ones. How could anyone reject such a ministry? How could anyone reject the truth? Sadly there were those who did.

**8. What did the Jewish leaders think of Jesus' ministry and what is the sin that God will not forgive?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Matthew 12:22-32, Mark 3:28-29

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Blaspheme in the greek is (blasphēmeō (blas-fay-meh'-o) and it means to vilify; specifically to speak impiously: - (speak) blaspheme (-er, -mously, -my), defame, rail on, revile, speak evil, detraction. Vilify means to Speak ill of, defame, degrade. Detraction is the act of disparaging or belittling the reputation or worth of a person, work, etc. Jesus made the statement about the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost because the Jewish leaders claimed He worked for the devil by stating that He cast out devils through Beelzebub the prince of devils, even after seeing clear evidence of Christ God ordained ministry. They were rejecting Jesus “The Truth”. What constitutes the sin against the Holy Ghost or the unpardonable sin? It is willfully attributing to Satan the work of the Holy Spirit. They had plenty of evidence that Christ was the Messiah, the Truth. By stating what they stated they were rejecting the Holy Spirit who according to John 16:7-11, 13 has the role of reproof or convicting us of sin and also of guiding us into truth. It is through the medium of His Spirit that God works upon the human heart; and when men willfully reject the Spirit and declare it to be from Satan, they cut off the channel by which God can communicate with them.

**9. How does a person get to this point?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30

**Write bible answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

For one to commit the unpardonable sin it is a gradual process of continuing to suppress the conscience, and conviction to the point that the Spirit becomes grieved, or hurt because of our continued delay or rejection.

**10. What condition were the Jewish leaders in and many today who reject the truth? Also why are they blind?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, John 9:16-41, Romans 1:18-28, 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, John 5:39-40, 45-47, John 15:22-24

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People are blinded not because they knew not the truth, but because they saw the truth, were convinced and convicted but did not accept and follow the truth! God does not compel or force men to give up their unbelief. Before them are light and darkness, truth and error. It is for them to decide which they will accept. God designs that men shall not decide from impulse, but from weight of evidence, carefully comparing scripture with scripture. If we are lost is because we chose to be lost by rejecting truth.

**11. What does continued rejection and putting off truth lead to?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** John 7:19-26, Matthew 26:59-68, Acts 7:51-56, 1 Timothy 4:1-2, Hebrews 6:4-6

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There are none so hardened as those who have slighted the invitation of mercy. The most common manifestation of the sin against the Holy Spirit is in persistently slighting, delaying and putting off Heaven's invitation to repent. Every step in the rejection of Christ is a step toward the rejection of salvation, and toward the sin against the Holy Spirit. When one continues to reject truth they begin to become hardened against it over time. The word seared that is stated in 1 Timothy 4:1-2 in the greek means *to render insensitive*. In other words a person who was once convicted about a particular truth that God revealed to them or sin they need to let go off no longer convicts them or bothers them anymore. They now see nothing wrong with disregarding the truth by continuing on in there sinful habits.

**12. As a result of continuing to put off the conviction and rejecting the truth what can happen?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Samuel 10:9-11, 1 Samuel 11:6, 1 Samuel 13:7-14, 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9-28, 1 Samuel 16:14-16, 23, 1 Samuel 18:5-12, 1 Samuel 19:9-10, 1 Chronicles 10:1-4, 13-14, John 13:21-30

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Saul was the first King of Israel who at first had the Holy Spirit and was converted for it says he

received another heart. However later on in Saul's experience he began to be disobedient to God. God gave him an opportunity to do things right but Saul wanted to have things his way. Instead of Saul submitting to God and coming to his terms, by his actions in 1 Samuel 15:1-28 he wanted God to submit to him and come to his terms of how he was to obey. Halfway obedience is no obedience. Saul rebelled against God's clear command as a result God rejected him and chose David to be king. The Spirit of the Lord that is given to those that obey him (Acts 5:32) left Saul and Saul was no longer open to demonic spirit to possess his mind. Saul continued deeper in sin and transgression that he grieved the Holy Spirit. He could receive no answer to his prayers. Proverbs 28:9 states that "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination."

**13. What warning does the bible give us when the Holy Spirit speaks to us concerning the things we learn from God through His word?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Hebrews 3:7-8, Hebrews 4:1-7, James 4:17, John 13:17

**Write bible answer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Friends the bible is very clear. You know what God has convicted you personally to do. Whatever truth that God has revealed to you take heed and by faith do it. To delay, and not do it is sin. You will not have true happiness unless you by faith follow what God says in His word. Today if the Spirit is speaking to you submit, please don't delay or harden your heart. God loves you and if you are still moved and pricked, having a desire to obey you have not committed the unpardonable sin, however to delay is to grieve the Spirit which over a period of time as you delay you will eventually become hardened and commit the unpardonable sin. Now is the time. Surrender today and God will bless and reveal more to you as you continue in your quest to learn bible truth.