



# *Unforgivable Sin*

Mtt 12:22-32

Mk 3: 20-30

Lk 11: 14-28

(Heb 6; 1 Jn 5)



## Unforgivable Sin

- *31 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 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. (Mtt 12:31-32 NIV)*



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- **31** *Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32* And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man<sup>(AP)</sup> will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. (Mtt 12:31-32 ESV)



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- Suicide: This is a sin premeditated, and in the commission of it, the sinner cuts off all opportunities for repentance. For that reason the person places themselves outside of forgiveness.
- Deliberate murder of a Christian constitutes the sin against the Holy Spirit.
- Resistance against the call of the Spirit until death overtakes the sinner. **But this sin is not unforgivable, but unforgiven.**

(One who stubbornly persists in rejecting the call of God's grace will die in an unforgiven state because he dies in his sins. But his sins and stubbornness could have been forgiven at any time.)



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***Blasphemy against the Spirit is not  
forgivable!!***



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- Why so many and divergent opinions?

*Lift a statement out of its setting and, by isolating it from its Scriptural background, it can arbitrarily be made to mean anything that seems rational to whomever. This is responsible for a lot of Biblical misunderstanding.*



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*Let's examine this issue as we should always do- 1<sup>st</sup> using "then/ there" (exegetis), from the Scriptural framework in which it appears; rather than 1<sup>st</sup> jumping to "here and now" (hermeneutic) view.*



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## Context

7<sup>(J)</sup> Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and<sup>(K)</sup> a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea 8and Jerusalem and<sup>(L)</sup> Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around<sup>(M)</sup> Tyre and Sidon. When the **great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.** 9And he told his disciples to<sup>(N)</sup> have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they<sup>(O)</sup> crush him, 10for<sup>(P)</sup> he had healed many, so that all who had<sup>(Q)</sup> diseases pressed around him<sup>(R)</sup> to touch him. 11<sup>(S)</sup> And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they<sup>(T)</sup> fell down before him and cried out, "You are<sup>(U)</sup> the Son of God." Mark 3:7-11



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### *Demons-*

Rabbis cautioned against certain things considered to be especially dangerous because of demons. It was ***unwise to walk between two palm trees growing more than six feet*** apart. ***Not wise to borrow drinking water*** from a passerby, or to walk over water that had been poured out, or spilled upon the ground. The last danger could be averted by sprinkling dust upon the earth, or removing one's shoes and walking through barefoot.



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- *Beelzebul; Gr- Beelzeboul, Beezebou vs. Beelzebub*
- *Beelzebub*--Philistine term for the god of flies.
  
- *Zibbul*– *Hebrew sacrificing to idols*
- *Beelzebul*– *Lord or Chief of idolatry*



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## Jesus' arguments

- Power that would be antagonistic against itself, fails!  
(Matthew 12:25, 26)
- Inconsistency manifested in claiming that Jesus operated under the authority of Beelzebul in expelling demons, while students of the Pharisaic school also claimed to cast them out.
- Relative strength required to subdue a man before plundering his house and dispossessing him



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- ***Without speaking it is impossible to commit the sin of blasphemy.***

“Blasphemy” is not a translation. It is a transliteration of the Greek original which means “to speak reproachfully, to slander, rail at, or revile.”



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### ***What is the unforgivable sin, Why unforgivable?***

*Assigning to Satan the power by which Jesus performed His wonderful works. It is saying that Jesus possessed an evil spirit rather than the Holy Spirit. Mk 3:30*

***Blasphemy against the Spirit is to deliberately attribute to Satan the power by which Jesus performed His miracles, knowing it to be a lie!!!***



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- ***Why is it worse than every other sin and blasphemy, including speaking against the Son of man?***

The signs Jesus did by the Holy Spirit were designed to make believers in Him Jn 20:30, 31

Frustrating faith by false accusations as to the source of power would therefore be a catastrophic sin



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To view these signs done to produce faith, and against all observation, knowledge, and conscience, **assign that power to Satan for the specific purpose of destroying faith** is to condemn humanity once and for all to eternal death. ***This is especially critical since these were teachers whom were looked upon to “protect” God’s revelation.***



## *Unforgivable Sin*

***Can we commit the unpardonable/  
Unforgivable Sin today?***

Mtt 12:32

***Have “I” committed the  
unpardonable/Unforgivable Sin?***

***Highly Improbable!!!! Why?***



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### ***Additional Applications in the scriptures?***

- Heb 6: 4-8
- 1 Jn 5: 16-17