The Unpardonable Sin

Tony Mauck · Matthew 12:31–32

INTRODUCTION

- We tend to categorize sin. Some are worse than others, right?
- We tend to see the sins of others as worse than our own.

1 Passages About a Worst Kind of Sin

Matthew 12:31–32; Hebrews 6:4–6; Hebrews 10:26–29

- Any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men. But blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.
- It is impossible to renew them again to repentance.
- If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin.
- There is a sin leading to death. I do not say that he should make request for this.

2 Not a Specific Kind of Sin

1 Corinthians 6:9–11; 1 John 2:2

- If we're talking about a specific sin, murder isn't off limits.
- He says, and that's what some of you were. And such were some of you.
- But you were washed, you were sanctified. But you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- Whatever the specific sin is, Jesus' blood can cleanse.

3 Not a Specific Number of Sins

Matthew 18:21–22; Luke 17:4; 2 Chronicles 33:10–19

- Secondly, I would say it is not a specific number of sins.
- When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly.
- He did much evil in the sight of the Lord. Not just bad sins, but a lot of them. And yet he humbled himself.
- Is it possible that Manasseh, despite the number of his sins, could be saved, and Asa could be lost. Only God knows.

4 Willful Sins Versus Sins of Ignorance

Psalm 19:13; 1 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 10:26

- Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins.
- I was given mercy because I did this ignorantly.
- All sin involves the act of our wills.

- Not all sins are committed in ignorance. Most often it is a deliberate, willful act of rebellion.

5 A Heart Condition That Cannot Be Fixed

Matthew 12:24–32; John 9:24–34; Hosea 5:4

- Let me tell you what I believe they all have in common. It is simply this. A heart condition. A heart condition that cannot be fixed.
- It's not a willful sin. It is going on. It's a pattern of sinfulness.
- Here were miracles being performed by the Spirit of God, and they were saying these were works of the devil.
- They had a heart so hardened that it could not be fixed.

6 You Can Become So Hardened in Sin

Psalm 38; Psalm 51

- It's not the commission of a specific sin or a certain kind of sin or a number of sins. But it's developing a heart condition that is so opposed to righteousness.
- You can become so hardened in the practice of sin that the message of the gospel doesn't affect you anymore.
- The longer sin is practiced, the more it becomes ingrained in our hearts, so often less likely it is that we will come to our senses.
- If we don't take sin seriously in our lives. We could develop a heart condition that cannot be fixed.

THE CHALLENGE

May God lead you and me in the everlasting way. Is there someone in our audience tonight who needs to begin walking in the everlasting way?

MY NOTES