

FACTS ABOUT FORGIVENESS

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READ MATTHEW 12:25-32

Men have different views about what the unpardonable sin in this passage refers to.

- Usually, men select something they know they are not tempted to do and label that the “unpardonable sin,” figuring that they’ll be safe.

The unpardonable sin is not the central issue in Jesus’ words here.

- The most important words here are that “**All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men...**” (vs 31). We all have sins that need to be forgiven.
 - “**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**” (Rom. 3:23).
 - “**There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not**” (Eccl. 7:20).
 - “**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**” (1 John 1:8).
 - Jesus Christ paid for every sin a person might commit. That is our only hope for forgiveness and redemption.
 - Good deeds, obedience to the Law, church attendance, etc. cannot provide you with forgiveness.

Eph. 1:7 Redemption and forgiveness of sins comes through the blood of Jesus Christ.

- Sin must be paid for. Sin cannot go unpunished.
 - God would not be a righteous God if He forgave sins that were not paid for.
- Jesus Christ paid the purchase price for my sins. He paid with His blood.
- “**The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**” (1 Jn. 1:7).

Acts 13:17-39 Paul preached that Christ died and was raised from the dead and that through Him we can preach the forgiveness of sins (vs 38) and be justified by faith (vs 39). See **Romans 10:9, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, and Acts 15:11.**

- To be justified is to be declared righteous before God. When you accept the sacrifice provided by Jesus Christ on your behalf, you will be declared righteous.

Acts 26:12-18 Jesus Christ wants to open your eyes, turn you from darkness to light, forgive your sins, and give you an inheritance.

- You must first come to Christ by faith and receive forgiveness. The inheritance will follow.
- When God forgives, it is as though you never sinned.
 - When men forgive, they may still hold a grudge.

1 Jn 2:12 If you have become a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ (Jn 1:12), you can confidently proclaim that your sins are forgiven.

1 Jn 5:11-13 If you have Jesus Christ, you have eternal life. If you don’t have Jesus Christ, you don’t have eternal life (vs 12). When you believe on the name of the Son of God, you may KNOW that you have eternal life (vs 13).
