

## THE UNFORGIVEABLE SIN

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### WHAT IS THE UNFORGIVEABLE SIN?

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Jesus says there *is* a sin that is unforgiveable, but what is it? Let's first get some context to help us see what He is speaking about.

This was during another confrontation with the Pharisees. What are they doing?

- **Before:** The Pharisees were knowingly and willfully hardening their heart, not simply toward the miracles, but toward Him, denying the very facts that were plain before their eyes. They are "denying His power."
- **After:** Jesus then continues to talk about recognizing true believers from those who claim to be believers.

#### **What it is Not:**

- Not simply a Christian's momentary denial (like Peter).
- Nor is it even a guarantee that a non-believer who is totally opposed to Jesus is beyond salvation (like Saul of Tarsus).

#### **What it Seems to Be:**

- A sin that an unbeliever commits, not just once but perpetually until death.
- An ongoing and persistent rejection of the work of the Holy Spirit, when someone is willfully and adamantly denying, as the Pharisees were, the true nature of who Christ is, they stand in a troubling position of potentially blaspheming the Holy Spirit's work.
- When someone who is plainly and clearly admitting, to some depth, who Jesus is (the Pharisees admitted Jesus was a miracle worker, Judas followed Jesus as the Son of Man, etc.), but still, in the end, reject Him by hardening their hearts toward the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 6.4-12

### WHAT SHOULD CONCERN US?

For both those who don't believe in Christ, and for those who do call themselves a Christian, Jesus words, "whoever is not with me is against me," are sobering ones.

**There is *no neutrality with Christ.***  
**Jesus' claims leave no room for that.**  
**The cross demands a response.**

2 Timothy 3.1-17

### HOW CAN WE FIND HOPE AND ASSURANCE?

For those who don't believe, or for those who say they believe but their lives don't look like it, you are invited to cry out for God's grace and forgiveness toward you. He tells us that if we "confess with our mouth and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10.9, 10). This Jesus is real. He really walked this earth, He really died so that you could live.

## NOTES:

#### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** and is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders** worship with the adults and then head to their class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 12:30-32**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Re-read **Matthew 12:31**. This verse is often misinterpreted. Do you believe that Jesus is talking about a temporary blasphemy or a permanent one? A when a verse like this is difficult to grasp it's important to back up and look at what the rest of the Word has to say about it in a border context. Throughout the Word, God forgives His people of horrible things. Read **Matthew 26:69-75** and **1 Timothy 1:13-15**. How does knowing and believing that God chooses to graciously forgive the most wretched sinners help you view **Matthew 12:31**? \_\_\_\_\_

You may be wondering and asking yourself, "have I ever committed the 'unforgivable sin'? If so, am I NOT forgiven? Is God angry at me?" Read **Exodus 34:6-7**, **1 John 1:9**, **Acts 3:19**, **Matthew 26:28** and **Colossians 1:13-14**. If you are "In Christ" is there any sin that is unforgivable? Is there one? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **1 Corinthians 12:3**, **Romans 10:9-10** and **1 John 4:1-6**. Not one person can be saved if they pridefully and permanently reject the Spirit. It is God the Spirit that attests, reveals and points us to God the Son, Jesus. How can we find hope and assurance that we are without a doubt "In Christ"? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **2 Timothy 3:1-7** and **James 5:16**. How could being accountable to someone help you NOT just have "the appearance of godliness", but instead encourage you into having a real, authentic and genuine faith? Are you currently doing a "Fight Club"? If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

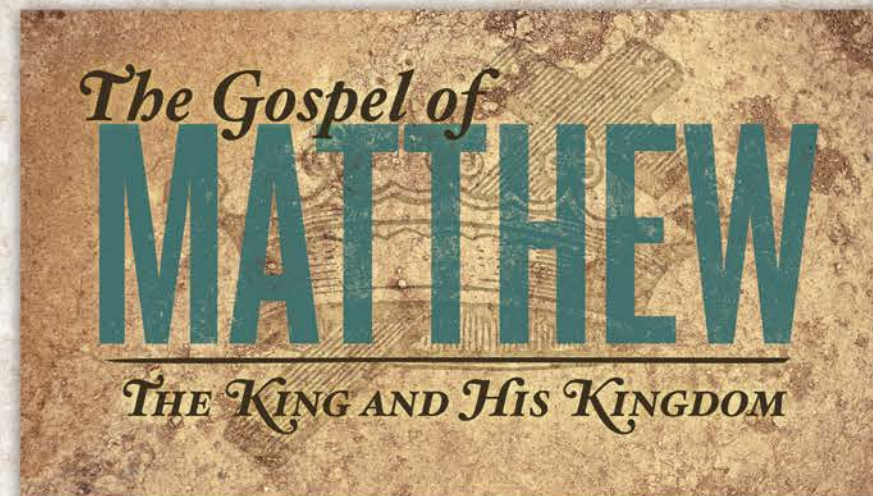
**P.R.A.Y.** remembering the Gospel. **PREACH** Gospel verses like **Ephesians 1:7** and **Romans 8:1** into your heart, mind and soul. Then **REPENT** of any sin. Maybe you know that God has forgiven you, but you think you still need to forgive yourself. You *don't* need to forgive yourself if God has already forgiven you. What we really need when we think that way is to repent of believing that we are above God. But we can quit playing God, and we can rest in His forgiveness as being completely more than enough. Then **ASK** the Holy Spirit, your Helper to help you remember and believe one very important truth: you are forgiven of all past, present and future sin if you are **IN CHRIST!** End your time in prayer with Thanksgiving and Yielding to His will.



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To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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