



1. The person sitting next to me has sinned more times than I can count.
2. The Holy Spirit will leave you permanently, if you push Him away too many times.
3. At least once in my life, I've questioned whether I've committed the unpardonable sin.
4. The Holy Spirit has less patience with you than Jesus and God the Father.
5. God will never leave you, nor forsake you...But the Holy Spirit will, if you're bad enough!
6. The Holy Spirit shares the same character as the Father and the Son.

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### THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?

∞ Is there such a thing as the "unpardonable sin?" Especially while you were growing up, what were you told it is?

- » What would it say about the character of God if you believe that Jesus will never give up on you, God the Father will never leave you, nor forsake you, but the Holy Spirit will stop ever coming back to you, if you send Him away too many times? Where is the heresy here?
- » Where in Scripture does it say or infer that you can determine that you haven't committed the unpardonable sin if you're still concerned that you might have committed the unpardonable sin?

### WHERE DOES THE BIBLE SPEAK ABOUT THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?

READ Matthew 12:22-32 (see also Luke 12:10; Mark 3:22-30).

22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons." 25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? 27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. 30 "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. 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.

∞ What is the context of this passage? (i.e.: Who is Jesus talking to? What are they trying to say? What would this passage mean to them?)

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∞ Take a peek at Luke 12:10 and Mark 3:22-30. Is the context different or the same?

» So, according to these three verses, what is the unpardonable sin against the Holy Spirit?

### **BUT WHAT ABOUT "GRIEVING" THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

• **READ Ephesians 4:29-32.**

*29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

» What is the context of this passage? Who is this written to? Church people or prospective church people? What are the things mentioned before and after it says to not grieve the Holy Spirit?

° Is there any similarity between the context here and Matt. 12:22-32?

### **BUT WHAT ABOUT "QUENCHING" THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

• **READ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22.**

*16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.*

» What are the words before and after the phrase, "Do not quench the Spirit"? (Hint: You can even go back as far as verses 12-15.)

° What similarities do you find between this text and the previous ones?

∞ How does this align the character of the Holy Spirit to become one, indistinguishable nature of the Godhead?

1. How have I committed the unpardonable sin when judging other ministries?
2. How am I pushing the Holy Spirit away when He wishes to remove my guilt?
3. What new thing does God need me to know about His character this week?

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