

DAILY DOCTRINE: Unpardonable Sin  
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A. Definition.

1. The unpardonable sin is an unpardonable act of rejection of Jesus Christ. It is an act of unbelief. It is the only sin for which Christ could not die. It was manifested by claiming that Christ's miracles were done by power of Satan, Matt. 12:22-32.
2. Unpardonable sin is listed as a sin against the Holy Spirit as Pharisees were rejecting Christ's miracles.
3. Unpardonable sin is not some egregious sin: e.g., adultery, suicide, profanity, willful sin, constant repetition of any sin, calling your brother a fool, falling away.
4. Mark 3:28 tells us that "all sins shall be forgiven;" this is a source of comfort. Further, doctrine of unlimited atonement provides us with assurance that all other sins have been paid for by Christ.
5. The unpardonable sin was not poured out on Christ and was not judged. All sins are pardonable except rejection of Christ, 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21.

B. Character of the unpardonable sin.

1. It is a sin (act) committed by an unbeliever.
2. It is impossible for the believer to commit the unpardonable sin, Isa. 1:18; 44:22; 1 John 1:7; Psa. 103:12.
3. It is a single sin or act. It is not progressive. If you reject the gospel, when you hear it again you may continue to reject but it is the same sin of rejection of Christ.
4. It is unpardonable. There is nothing in the plan of God which provides forgiveness for it. Jesus is the only way and there is no forgiveness for rejection of Him, cf. Acts 4:12.
5. It is condemned. When this act of unbelief is operational it is always condemned, John 3:18; 36.
6. The alternative to this unpardonable act is to believe and be saved, but if rejection persists to the point of physical death, then there is no hope or help.
7. It is rejection of the Spirit's ministry of illumination of Christ and His gospel. The Holy Spirit motivates and enables men to accept Christ and enjoy the saving benefits of the gospel (John 16:8; 1 Cor. 2:12-14; Acts 7:51), but if anyone refuses to submit to the Spirit's convicting ministry (John 16:9), there is no other way for him to be saved (Acts 4:12).

Doctrine matters!

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