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What Is The Unpardonable Sin?

(NOTE: Guy N. Woods was one of the great preachers of the 20th century. For a number of years he served as editor of the *Gospel Advocate* and was also a regular on the open forum at the Freed-Hardeman College lectures. He wrote this in the *Gospel Advocate*, July 16, 1981)

There is really no such thing. Neither the phrase nor the idea which it connotes appears in the sacred writings. The implication in it is that it is possible for one to so sin as to find it impossible to obtain forgiveness. There is no such situation. Taught repeatedly and with the greatest emphasis throughout the New Testament is the glorious fact that when:

- (1) One genuinely repents of all wrong doing.
- (2) Ceases the practice thereof, and
- (3) Complies with the conditions applicable, pardon full and complete is by our Lord gladly and graciously bestowed.

This, indeed has been the divine assurance through the ages. In the long ago, Isaiah penned these comforting words: *"Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon"* (Isaiah 55:6-7) And God promised through the covenant, *"And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more"* (Hebrews 10:17) With such comforting assurances the scriptures abound

The passage usually, but erroneously, designated as teaching the doctrine of "unpardonable sin" is in I John 5:16, where reference is made to the "sin unto death". But, this is simply a sin which a brother will not confess – a fact which the larger context clearly

shows. The Lord will forgive every sin a brother confesses (I John 5:16). Therefore, the sin which the Lord will not forgive is simply a sin which a brother will not confess.

The context corroborates this view and the premises lead logically to this conclusion. If I witness sin in the part of an erring brother or sister and such may be brought to penitence and confession, I not only may, it is my duty to pray for such with the assurance that the Lord will hear and answer the petition made (James 5:16) But, if the brother or sister persists in such rebellion, it is a vain and useless exercise to pray for the forgiveness of impenitent persons, and the Lord will not hear and answer such a prayer for the brother or sister involved.

The "sin against the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 12:31-32) is, in principle, the rejection of the revelation which the Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, made, first through our Lord, and then through His representatives. It is the denial of the Spirit's message initially by direct inspiration, and then through the Book, the practical effects of which is the rejection of the deity of our Lord, the repudiation of His sacrificial death, the annulment of the atonement, and the implication that a sacrifice will yet be made. Those who thus do would crucify Christ "afresh" from the allegation that He who died

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon "When Jesus Comes to Center"

Our text comes from
Matthew 21:10. We will talk
about Jesus and his
triumphant entry into
Jerusalem. What impact did it
have then and what impact
does it have now?

To be content with such things as you have and
to stop whining for the things you have not?

To enjoy the simple blessings of life and to
cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day?

To forget what you have accomplished and to
meditate on what others have done for you?

To cease looking for someone to help you and to
devote yourself to helping others?

To consecrate your life to the service of an
imperfect church and to remember that Christ chose
twelve imperfect men to be his apostles?

To accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, obey his
commands and let your life be an outlet for his joy,
love and peace?

-selected

On The Lighter Side. . .



"BEIN' GOOD'S NOT EASY. HOW DID YOU
MANAGE IT ALL THESE YEARS?"

For The Pantry. . . Mayonnaise

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On the cross was an imposter and that the Suffering Savior must yet appear and suffer. Salvation is denied those of this category, not because it is not offered to them, but because they have permanently rejected it. (Hebrews 6:1; 10:25-28) The ever-flowing waters of the Will of Life are always available to those who desire to come and to quench their thirst. How we should rejoice that "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains."

-Guy N. Woods, *Gospel Advocate* – July 16, 1981

Are You Willing?

To close your book of complaints and to open
the book of praise?

To believe other men are quite as sincere as you
and to treat them with respect?

To ignore what life owes you and to think about
what you owe life?

To stop looking for friendship and to start being
friendly?

Each One Bring One!
52 in '22
Invite Someone Each Week!

Miscellaneous

NOTICE!

The Date Has Changed

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to change the date of our next covered dish luncheon. Please take note of this and make your plans to be here.

Save the Date!

May 15, 2022

Our Next Covered Dish Luncheon!

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for June, July & August

We will also have a "Special Celebration"



Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!

SUNNY GLEN CHILDRENS HOME

The grocery truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of May 8th. They have requested that we collect especially **paper towels, mayonaise, salad dreddings and healthy kids snacks**. They are always very appreciative of our efforts and what they are able to take from our pantry to help with their work. The members of this congregation are to be commended for their generosity.

CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

Remember we are collecting toilet paper as a part of the "Big Heart Campaign" for the Children's Home of Lubbock. We are over halfway to our goal of 1,000 rolls of toilet paper, with 770 rolls collected as of Friday, April 8th!



Those To Remember In Prayer

Allen Green (Tim and Norma Perkins' "nephew") is scheduled to have between 3 and 5 stents put in on Thursday.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims,

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) **Ana Blair** (friend of Debra Pate) **Donna Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) **Gil Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery **Gayle Foster** (Cancer) **Dalton Hendrix** (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) **Sandra Hogan** (friend of Roxie Bostick) **Wendy Johnson** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Julia Keffer** (Bobbi Holder's mother) **Laurie King** (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : **Bruce Ligon** (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Liam Martinez** (11 months old) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Katilyn Tate** (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) **Jared and Natalie Bostick** (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) **Marc Tate** (Jana O'Brien's brother) **Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother) **Tina Vaughn** - cancer (Sue Hagler's Daughter) **Stephen Williams**, recovering from surgery.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

If you have no joy in
your religion, there's a
leak in your
Christianity
somewhere.

Billy Sunday



Across The Preacher's Desk

You have no doubt heard of the French artist, Pierre-Auguste Renoir. He was a leader in the development of the impressionist style. In his later years, he developed Rheumatoid Arthritis which severely limited his mobility. During the advanced stages of his condition, he had to have an assistant place the brush in his hands so that he could paint.

We are told that one day, a friend came while he was forcing himself to paint. Noting his pain, he asked why he continued to torture himself. He replied, "The pain passes, but the beauty remains."

You know we all have our moments of pain and our memories of beauty. It is that beauty that makes life worth living when pain comes.

I think about the pain of Jesus in the garden. I think about the prayer he prayed and how he agonized in that prayer. For Jesus, the pain of the cross passed, but think of the beauty that remains because of the cross. Because of the pain of the cross, we have the beautiful practice of worship. We have the glorious songs that tell of the cross and the beauty of heaven. We have the beauty of the memorial feast of the Lord's Supper, the feast Jesus said for us to do in remembrance of Him.

In this life we often experience pain. Sometimes we are called on to watch our loved ones die. Often, we see them in great pain. But the pain passes and the beauty of precious memories remains. For the faithful child of God, the pain of this life will someday be over, but the beauty of heaven will remain.

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**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
52 in '22!**