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CAPITOL SQUARE COMMUNITY MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Unpardonable Unbelief – Luke 12:8-12

Following Christ isn't a "movement." It's a relationship. So when Christ looked to His disciples and said, "...confess Me before men," He wasn't saying "Fly the Christian flag," or "Stand behind the banner." He was saying—tell them you know ME! Tell them I am the One Who pardons, saves, rescues, delivers...

Following Christ is *more* than a movement. Having a relationship with Christ is the tipping point of a soul that hangs in the balance of two opposing destinies—Heaven and Hell. At stake is not a method of worship, a way of doing church, a series of rules, a lifestyle. At stake is the personal knowledge of this One great God.

"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. "And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven. Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." *Luke 12:8-12 NKJV*

What had happened in the Pharisees' hearts is that they had become so "stuck" in a religious system that they could not recognize God when He stood before them! They had become blind to the One Who so kindly had revealed Himself to them. Their blindness led them to conclude that Christ was the exact opposite of Who He was. They attributed His character and nature to the Devil.

Their unbelief was not only manifested in mistaken identity but also in mistaken condition. They had come to believe that they were not in need of a Savior who could pardon their sins. They were unwilling to admit their sinful condition. That would mean exposure—they didn't want that.

Their blasphemy was not only the case of a refusal to identify Christ as the Messiah but it was deeply rooted in their unwillingness to call for forgiveness. Their mask of self-righteousness had become believable even to themselves. Sadly, they were self-deceived. And this is the way of all men who will refuse to submit to the pure and piercing judicious eyes of God. The Word of God, the Bible, is the necessary agent to show us who we really are and graciously unfold for us who God really is. We are warned in Scripture that our hearts are so deceitful that only God Himself can unravel our thickly wrapped costumes of pride to graciously expose us for who we are—sinners in desperate need of forgiveness. (Jeremiah 17:9)

So long as a soul will refuse to acknowledge two things they cannot possibly be forgiven and reconciled to God:

1. **That Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.** That He is the supreme Ruler of this world and holds exclusive grace that can only be accessed by the humble repenter.
2. **That all have willfully sinned before God.** That every man is a sinner by nature and by choice and cannot possibly successfully repair his broken relationship with God without God's pardoning grace

At the heart of the Gospel is faith. The act of the will through the enlightening of God to look upon himself in accurate assessment as a sinner and in godly repentance look upon God as the only One Who could pardon sin and repair the relationship. Over and over throughout Scriptures we are told plainly that without faith a person cannot come to know God as their Savior. Nothing can replace this type of faith. Nothing. Not good works—or else these Pharisees would be at the front of the line.

What makes sin unforgivable is unbelief. Unbelief is unforgivable as long as it remains unbelief. But thank God that when one will in faith repent of their former unbelief even that can be pardoned too! The unforgivable sin is that sin which holds one back from clinging to Jesus Christ as their only hope for gracious pardoning for their sin.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE APPLICATION:

1. **Do you understand the necessity of faith alone in Christ alone for your salvation?**
2. **Why is it that salvation is only by faith in Christ and not obtained by good works?**
3. **Why must Christ be the One Who pardons the sinner and no one else?**
4. **What makes unbelief so unforgivable?**
5. **Have you trusted in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?**



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