

Introduction:

Talk about things “not covered” under warranties and insurance; sometimes tragedy can result! There are some sins that the blood of Jesus will not cover!

THE “ORIGINAL” UNPARDONABLE SIN WAS MENTIONED BY JESUS:

- **Matthew 12:31-32**³¹ *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.* ³² *And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.* (Also recorded in Mark 3:28-29 and Luke 12:10)
- **People often mistakenly think they have committed this sin without knowing it; that is impossible! Only those who are capable of recognizing the work of the Holy Ghost can be guilty of attributing it to the devil, and thus committing this sin!**

THE “OTHER” UNPARDONABLE SINS ARE MENTIONED IN HEBREWS:

- Hebrews is like God’s commentary on the Old Covenant & Law. It has been called the “Fifth Gospel,” summarizing the present work of Christ. Its key word is “better,” for the writer is trying to convince second-generation believers that they should endure the hardships associated with being a Christian, rather than move back to “Empire-approved” Judaism.
- **OUTLINE:** 1 - Jesus is the ultimate manifestation of the Godhead, 2 - Jesus is better than angels, 3 - Jesus is greater than Moses, 4 - Jesus provides a better rest than the Sabbath, 5 - Jesus is greater than Aaron, 6 - If we don’t move ahead we will fall away, 7 - The New Testament provides a better Priesthood, 8 - The New Testament provides a better Covenant, 9 - The New Testament provides a better Sanctuary, 10 - The New Testament provides a better Sacrifice, 11 - Faith’s Hall of Fame (those that persevered), 12 - We too can have faith that endures, 13 - Do your duty!
- To these people who were being tempted to go back, three warnings of “unpardonable sins” were given.

SPIRITUAL STAGNATION

Hebrews 6:1-6 ¹ *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,* ² *Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.* ³ *And this will we do, if God permit.* ⁴ *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,* ⁵ *And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,* ⁶ *If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

- Once Israel “tasted” of the Promised Land and refused to enter, God let them die in the wilderness.
- Milk - Jesus’ earthly ministry (justification); Meat - Jesus’ present ministry (sanctification); milk is a predigested food!
- “crucify” & “put” are present participles in the Greek - “while they are crucifying ... / while they are putting ...”

PRESUMPTUOUS SIN

Hebrews 10:26-29 ²⁶ *For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,* ²⁷ *But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.* ²⁸ *He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:* ²⁹ *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

- Verb tense indicates continuing action - not just one sin, but an attitude leading to repeated sin
- In OT, no sacrifice for deliberate sin (Ex. 21:12-14, Num. 15:27-31); David knew only a “broken heart” could save him!
- “unholy” means “common” / Don’t forget there can still be consequences from “forgiven sin”!

UNRELEASED BITTERNESS

Hebrews 12:11-17 ¹¹ *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.* ¹² *Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;* ¹³ *And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.* ¹⁴ *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:* ¹⁵ *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;* ¹⁶ *Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.* ¹⁷ *For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*

- “bitterness” - “sharp, resentful, cynical, cold” / “profane” - “common, living for the world instead of living for God”
- “place of repentance” - used in Roman legal documents to mean “an occasion to reverse a previous decision”
- bitterness is a decision! / “But, I have a right to feel this way!” - so did the Hebrews (persecution under Nero)