

# IS THERE AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN?

## What Did Jesus Mean? -- Part 3

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**Matthew 12:31 (NIV)** *“And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit** will not be forgiven.”*

#### TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE...

#### 1. LET THE KEY WORDS \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR STUDY.

**BLASPHEME:** *“To speak of or to address with irreverence. Any remark or action held to be irreverent or disrespectful. The act of insulting, showing contempt or lack of reverence for God.”*

**Mark 3:29 (NIV)** *“But whoever **blasphemes against the Holy Spirit** will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.”*

#### 2. LET SCRIPTURE \_\_\_\_\_ SCRIPTURE.

**1 Timothy 1:13 (NIV)** *“Even though I was **once a blasphemer** and a persecutor and a violent man, I was **shown mercy** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.”*

**John 16:8-9 (NIV)** *“When He (the Holy Spirit) comes, **He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:** <sup>9</sup>in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me.”*

**Matthew 12:32 (NIV)** *“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.”*

#### You Sin Against The Holy Spirit...

- When you \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 7:51 (NLT)** *“You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever **resist the Holy Spirit**? But your ancestors did, and so do you!”*

- When you \_\_\_\_\_ to the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 5:3 (NLT)** *“Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart? You **lied to the Holy Spirit**, and you kept some of the money for yourself.’”*

- When you \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:30 (NIV)** “*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*”

- When you \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.

**1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NASB95)** “*Do not quench the Spirit.*”

### 3. LET THE CONTEXT \_\_\_\_\_ THE MEANING.

#### This Unforgivable Sin:

- Involves the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 12:34b (NIV)** “*...For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.*”

- Involves the \_\_\_\_\_ word.

**Matthew 12:36-37 (CEV)** “*I promise you that on the day of judgment, everyone will have to account for every careless word they have spoken. <sup>37</sup> On that day they will be told that they are either innocent or guilty because of the things they have said.*”

- Involves attributing to \_\_\_\_\_ the works of God.

**Matthew 12:24 (NLT)** “*But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, ‘No wonder He can cast out demons. He gets His power from Satan, the prince of demons.’*”

**Matthew 12:28 (NIV)** “*But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*”

### 4. LET THE SCRIPTURE \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR LIFE.

- Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of my sins.
- Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Spirit.