

***“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:21-23)***

What is that little sin you are holding on to? Anger? Lust? Unforgiveness? Addictions? Envy? Worry? Fear? Pride?

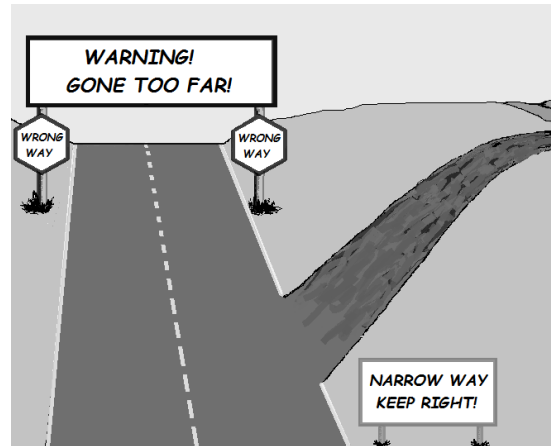
**Are you ready to repent?**

**Let’s Pray:** Lord, I confess that I have been blinded by my rebellion and received lies from the enemy. I have felt secure in my sins, but the covers have been jerked off of me and I sit here naked and transparent before You. I repent and turn from my sins and plead for Your mercy and grace. Lord, restore my first love. Soften my hardened and cold heart. Please give me ears to hear, eyes to see and a heart that wants only to please You. I confess I have been pleasing myself and have only given you token amounts of obedience. Lord wash me, cleanse me, change me; so that I will walk in Your kind of love. Amen.

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## THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

***“Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matthew 7: 13-14)***

I was preaching at a jail and folks were getting saved. I prayed with a group for salvation and a bit later, as I started to leave, an inmate asked, “What about me? I have been a devil worshiper and have blasphemed God! Is it too late for me? **Have I crossed a line with God where there is no hope?”**

I asked him a question. “Are you worried about it?”

He answered and said, “I am terrified of my fate.”

I told him, “It is not too late! Repent of your sins and make Jesus Christ your

Lord!” With brokenness, he repented, was saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit! The devil had told him he had crossed a line.

Many today because of some horrible or repeated sin have been convinced they have crossed a line, and committed “The Unpardonable Sin”. If we repent, God's Grace far exceeds our sins. I knew when he told me he was scared of his fate, that he had not crossed that line.

**The Unpardonable Sin is where religion has made your heart so hard and cold, you are given a false assurance, and all of the fear of God has been removed.**

Through slogans and a few isolated Scriptures like

- "Once saved always saved"
- "Christians aren't perfect; they are just forgiven"
- "Everyone sins"
- "Don't doubt your salvation; I heard you pray "The Prayer"

you cease to seek God's salvation and become content in what we call “respectful sins”. Since you are walking in a false security, you do not know about the peace of God or the fear of God or that you have to purify your heart. You refuse to give up your love for the flesh and you justify yourself with a few isolated scriptures because you still love the world. You try and devise ways to

enter the kingdom; doing the same things for which satan got kicked out of heaven.

There is no greater security than being in Christ Jesus, but being in Him is obeying Him and dying to this flesh.

***"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous." (1 John 5:3)***

When Jesus Christ and the Spirit of God control our lives, we overcome the flesh nature in order to be conformed to the image of Jesus. The Spirit of God leads us to overcome the nature of satan in order that we will have the nature of Jesus and will be able to walk in holiness; which is a pure heart.

Like the layers of an onion, the Holy Spirit uses His Word and fiery trials to expose those things hidden from us, that we might repent!

***“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you. Be sober, be watchful; your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom withstand steadfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in***

***the world. And the God of all grace, who called you unto His eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall Himself perfect, establish, and strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 5:6-11)***

As we learn to walk in the blessing and peace of God, we become more and more sensitive about avoiding sin. We are on a short leash. When we lose our peace, we ask the Holy Spirit “what did I do?” and at some point He will reveal it to us. We then repent and because of the blood of Jesus and His victory and sacrifice at Calvary over sin, we are cleansed and forgiven; no longer a transgressor, our hedge of protection and peace returns. This is the discipline that leads us to purify our hearts and love others as Jesus has loved us. “It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”(Hebrews 12:7-8) When a person goes to church and hears The Word of God, it does one of two things:

1. Our obedience to that Word and the Spirit of God perfects us in the God-kind of love and righteousness. ***“But whoso keepeth His Word, in Him verily hath the love of God been***

***perfected. Hereby we know that we are in Him: He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.” (1 John 2:5-6)***

2. If he hears the Word and doesn’t obey, it will harden his heart, so over the years he will get cold as ice and because of the false teaching he stays in that state. He feels comfortable in that deception.

On the outside he feels justified because he has turned from the barroom sins, but his heart is full of unforgiveness, fear, and worry. He becomes very critical and judgmental, and to him God's precepts are chains that reveal an absence of love for God and men. Were his heart loving, he would not find this grievous. Over time something else will get his heart and Jesus will become just one of the things he does; not the principle purpose of his life, as the word of God demands. You will hear him make statements like, "I go to the early service, to get it over with!"

Often he has been a member of the same church for a long time and has risen to places of authority. He may even hold the purse strings, and will often try and block everything God wants to do. Because he is so set in his ways and traditions, he has become sermon proof. He claims to love God's word and to obey it, but he does not act on it. He is so hardened, his heart is no longer moved and is totally unaffected by what is preached.

*“Remember Judas? He was an apostle; chosen, called and anointed. He cast out devils and healed the sick. Most important of all was that he sat for three years under the ministry of God’s own Son. He was there every time Jesus took the twelve aside to explain clearly what the messages meant. While others grew under His Word, Judas only grew hard. He ended up opening himself to demonic control and became a betrayer of Christ.” \**

Like the Pharisees in Jesus day, he could not see the Son of God, even when He was standing in front of them because Jesus did not fit in the structure and teachings of his denomination. So they declared His works of being of the devil.

### **That is the unpardonable sin!**

This is good news to the man who feels he has crossed a line and feels condemned! Repent and throw yourself on God's mercy. There is hope! Even for the most hardened criminal! The fact that you fear God shows that your heart can be pliable when put into the Master’s hands. If Jesus commands us to love one another with the same love which He loved us, would He not expect us to do it?

To the man that this message stings and he doesn't like it; examine yourself! It is possible to really love the Lord, have a heart for Him, spend time and money in His work, put God first, and be dedicated

to Him and still hold on to areas of disobedience to the clear word of God, a single besetting sin that is not surrendered, that single compromise that always seems justified ! Your heart is starting to get hard and cold and you are losing your first love. Repent before it is too late.

To the man this message makes very angry and offended, I ask, “why are you angry?” Does this not expose that something is wrong with your heart. A man of God wrote: "It is a fatal delusion that there is a word, a mysterious gift of God called grace, which allows a man to sleep on the lap of some Delilah, without being robbed of his strength, a magic power that keeps a man in the right against his own deliberate choice."

*“So go ahead – cling to your idols! Justify your areas of disobedience and excuse your little sins! One day, it will break out into a raging, uncontrollable fire of immorality and apostasy. It was brought to my attention recently that an old pastor acquaintance, who pastored one of the largest Pentecostal churches in America, now an old retired man, had been caught making obscene phone calls! He had been reduced to a corrupt, sad, dirty-minded old man! “ \**