

The Unpardonable Sin and the Grace of God

Mark 3:22-30

- I. Christ's Power and the unique *Unpardonable Sin* of the Scribes and Pharisees (Mark 3:22-29)
- A. Context: Christ cast out demons (3:22; Matthew 12:22-23)
- B. The Hate of the Scribes and Pharisees (3:22)
- Their logic: a) Jesus is doing amazing things b) Satan has amazing power. C) Therefore, Jesus must be doing amazing things by the power of Satan.
 - **Lies repeated long enough are accepted as fact.**
- C. The Truth about Satan (3:23-27)
1. It is illogical that Satan would cast his own demons out.
 - Illustrations: Divided homes and kingdoms don't last. (So Satan wouldn't fight himself by empowering Jesus.)
 2. Therefore, Satan did not empower Jesus' miracles.
 - **Proud unbelief will drive people to delusional logic about God's power and the truth about Christ.**
 - Illustration: Like a robber guarding his plunder, Satan is a "strong man" whom Jesus overcomes by delivering his victims (Mark 3:27).
 - **Jesus Christ is at work overcoming Satan spiritually throughout the world**
- D. The Hardness of Human Hearts (3:29).
1. The "unpardonable sin" was these men "blasphemed the Holy Spirit" by ascribing to Satan the miracles of Jesus.
 2. The "unpardonable sin" was unique to these Jewish leaders who rejected Christ as Messiah and is not committed today.
 - **Although there is not an "unpardonable sin" some people will always reject Jesus Christ.**
- II. God's Grace and the assurance that every sin we commit can indeed be forgiven (Mark 3:28)
- A. God's Grace is complete through the cross of Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:13-14; Romans 8:1; John 5:24).
- B. God is eager to forgive (2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:8, 9).