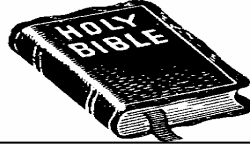


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THE UN-PARDON-ABLE SIN (?)

- A Definition** (a) Does the Bible contain the word *unpardonable*? ____ (b) The prefix “un” means “not.” (c) Pardon means *the excusing of an offense without exacting a penalty*. (d) The suffix “able” means *the power or ability to accomplish an end*. (e) The word “unpardonable” simply means incapable of pardon under any circumstance regardless of contrition, repentance, or restitution.
- God’s Law Of Pardon To The Alien Sinner Was Foretold** The word *alien* means *stranger* so an alien sinner is a non-Christian. He/she is any accountable person, guilty of sins, who has not obeyed the gospel. Jesus prophesied (Lk 24:46-47) that “*it is _____, and thus it _____ Christ to suffer and to _____ from the _____ the _____ day: and that _____ and _____ of sins should be preached in _____ among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*”
- Initiated On Pentecost – Acts 2** The Jewish audience heard Peter and the Apostles preach and asked (V37), “*Men and brethren _____ shall _____?*” They were given (V38) God’s law of pardon for alien sinners: “*Repent, and be _____ every one of you in the _____ of Jesus Christ.*” This is plain. Repentance is necessary that forgiveness may be received.
- God’s Law Of Pardon For Erring Sinners** This law to the errant child of God is different from that to the alien sinner, but contains one key condition that is the same – repentance. An example is found in (Acts 8). Simon, a sorcerer, obeyed the gospel (V13) then sinned (V18-19). He was told: (V22) “*Repent therefore of this thy _____ and _____ God if perhaps the _____ of thine _____ may be forgiven thee.*” Again, repentance is necessary to receive forgiveness.
- Significance Of The Conditional Preposition “If”** (a) A few argue that “*if the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee*” means that God may, or may not, forgive the penitent, petitioning Christian who has sinned. (b) This is silly! (Acts 10:34) “*God is no _____ of persons.*” (c) God (2 Pet 3:9) wants everyone to _____. Repentance is necessary to receive forgiveness.
- God Is Faithful – Man May Be Culpable** The Father’s will (2 Cor 1:19-20) in Christ is inviolate. The preposition “if” in (Acts 8:22) highlights man’s ability to truly repent, not a shortcoming of God in granting forgiveness. We know of no sin, sincerely repented of, that God won’t forgive.
- The Notion Of An Un-Pardon-able Sin** Where does it come from? The instigating passages are (Mt 12:22ff; Mk 3:22ff). The situation: Jesus performed a miraculous feat and the Pharisees accused him of being empowered by “*_____ the prince of the _____.*” Our Lord used common logic to disprove their accusations. Jesus’ reply: “*All manner of _____ and _____ shall be _____ unto men: but the blasphemy _____ the _____ shall not be _____ unto men.*” Our 2,000 years later reply: The miraculous power of the Apostolic Age is long gone. Today God speaks man (See: TPBS Lesson #180) by and through His Word which plainly states that *all* pardon of sins is predicated on *repentance* and obedience.