The Unforgivable Sin Creflo Dollar

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Scripture References:

- Matthew 12:22-32
- Ephesians 4:29-32
- 1 John 5:11-13
- Hebrews 9:11-28, *NLT*
- Hebrews 9:14

- Hebrews 10:1-18, *NLT*
- John 6:29
- Romans 5:5
- Isaiah 43:18, 19
- 2 Corinthians 3:17

Summary:

God has promised to always protect believers and take care of them. The devil knows this, and is therefore always trying to put us in a place where we're questioning and doubting God's Word on this. God is the God of forgiveness; He can and will forgive almost any sin, **except** the sin of unbelief. Unbelief must be repented of. We must believe that we no longer have to work hard to deserve God's grace or live in fear of being punished for a sinful act. All we need to do is trust in Jesus and in the power of His blood, and our eternal salvation is secure.

Notes:

- 1. Unbelief cannot be forgiven, only repented of. We are free moral agents; therefore, God cannot forgive us until we *decide* to believe in Him and His forgiveness. The way to tell if we're definitely going to heaven is whether we've been born again and accepted Jesus.
- 2. *Blaspheming* the Holy Spirit and *grieving* the Holy Spirit are not the same thing. Mistreating each other is what grieves Him. Grieving the Spirit is based on how we treat one another; blaspheming against Him is simply not believing in Him.
- 3. Jesus made forgiveness available at the cross; it's up to us to decide to *receive* it. Because Christ did, we'll no longer be punished for not being able to keep all the commandments of old-covenant law. Sin was taken care of permanently when Jesus died on the cross; He's *not* coming back to punish us.
- 4. "Dead works" are our efforts to perform to deserve something from God; they aren't valid under grace. Under the new covenant, God's forgiveness depends on our faith, not on our works. Living in guilt is a sign that we don't believe what Jesus did on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.
- 5. Under grace, God doesn't deal with us based on our past sins, but on our belief in His Son *now*. This gives us real freedom from the Law of Moses. Under the new covenant, the work expected of us has shifted from doing to believing.

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