

Mystical 1

Life in the Spirit

Stagnant

Recap

Everything that Jesus accomplished in His ministry on earth He accomplished by the Power of the Holy Spirit, not His divinity

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and **will remind you of everything I have said to you.**” **John 14:25-26**

Jesus is the goal, the Holy Spirit is the catalyst

Christian Privilege

a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people.

“So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven.” **Matthew 12:31**

“I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences.” **Mark 3:28-29**

“Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.” **Luke 12:10**

Context

But when the **Pharisees** heard this **Matthew 12:24**

Meanwhile, when a **crowd of many thousands** had gathered **Luke 12:1**

Jesus is speaking to pharisees (religious leader), Jewish (religious follower) and the crowd (curious, not committed)

Blasphemy

Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but **whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven**; they are guilty of an eternal sin **Mark 3:28-29**

Definition: To blaspheme is to insult the character of God, or the truth of Christian faith, or sacred things. It is to deliberately offend God and rob him of glory.

Blasphemy

The word “blasphemy” in its various forms (as verb, noun, adjective, etc.) appears some **fifty-nine times in the New Testament**. It has a variety of renderings, such as, “blasphemy,” “reviled,” “railed,” “evil spoken of,” “to speak evil of,” etc. Examples of these various renderings are: “They that passed by reviled him” (Matthew 27:39). “He that shall blaspheme” (Mark 3:29). “They that passed by railed on him” (Mark 15:29). “The way of truth shall be evil spoken of ” (2 Peter 2:2). “These speak evil of those things” (Jude 10). **All New Testament writers except the author of Hebrews use the word.** **Bernard Franklin**

Blasphemy

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. **1 Timothy 1:13**

to speak, act, live against God

Against the Spirit

And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **Ephesians 4:30**

Yet they **rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit**. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. **Isaiah 63:10**

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. **1 Corinthians 2:14**

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **Galatians 5:17**

They made their hearts as hard as flint and **would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit** through the earlier prophets. So the Lord Almighty was very angry. **Zechariah 7:12**

Against the Spirit

Note the specificity of Mark's description of these critics' actions. The inspired writer describes their conduct in this way: "because they said (elegon — imperfect tense), he has an unclean spirit" (Mk. 3:30). **The tense of the verb is extremely important. It denotes a sustained activity.** It was not a temporary burst of emotion. It was a seething, determined resistance.

These men were not simply making an ignorant mistake. **They were deliberate, dug-in enemies of truth.** They would hang on to their sinful disposition till the end, and that rebellion would follow them into eternity, hence, an "eternal sin."

Against the Spirit

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want **to see a sign** from you.” **Matthew 12:38**

Unforgivable

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-10**

If we **deliberately keep on sinning** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. **Hebrews 10:26-27**

Unforgivable

“Jesus is warning against looking at the work of the spirit and declaring that it must be the devil’s doing. If you do that, it’s not just that you won’t be forgiven; you can’t be, **because you have just cut off the very channel along which forgiveness could come.** Once you declare that the only remaining bottle of water is poisoned, you condemn yourself to dying of thirst” **N.T. Wright**

Unforgivable

blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, is any sin that a person clings to by **continually resisting the convicting power of the Holy Spirit**. Keep in mind that there is not one specific sin that is unforgivable, such as lying, stealing or murder, but rather a **perpetual hardening of the heart** and willfully sinning against God and man

The Process of Unforgivable

resistance becomes stagnation, stagnation
becomes toxic, toxic becomes death

fruitless, stubbornness, spiritual death

Kingdom Principle

Whoever is not with me is **against me**, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.
Matthew 12:30 (bad fruit vs33)

If a kingdom is **divided** against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **Mark 3:24**

But whoever **disowns me** before others will be disowned before the angels of God. **Luke 12:9**

heaven says “there is a better way”, hell says “you’re fine”

“Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others... but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and wish you could stop it. **But there may come a day when you can no longer.** Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God "sending us" to hell. **In each of us there is something growing, which will be hell unless it is nipped in the bud.**” **C.S. Lewis**

For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;** I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:24-27**