This Only Takes About 7 Minutes To Read — Would You Give Jesus 7 Minutes Today?



Matthew 12 (31) Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (32) And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

In the mid 1970's I was a much younger Evangelist and a Bible College student. One the things that God allowed me to do then, was to preach at a rescue mission called Wayfarer's Gospel Mission. I remember preaching every Sunday night there, sometimes in a small like auditorium and sometimes out under a shade tree in the back yard. There were many good results, with the salvation of numbers of hardened, sin — sick men.

One, in particular, was a man, which I will not tell you his name, but he served as a Sergeant — under the infamous Second Lieutenant <u>William Calley</u> Jr., who was convicted of the mass murder of between 347 and 504 unarmed civilians in <u>South Vietnam</u> on March 16, 1968. It was committed by the U.S. Army soldiers from the <u>Company</u> C. People of that day were of mixed opinion about his guilt, but my Sergeant friend said that he was there too and it was so. This is where real point begins.

## Only the sin of blasphemy of the Holy Ghost is Unforgivable!

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## Blasphemy of the Holy Ghost means to attribute evil acts to the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 12:24-28 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. (25) And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: (26) And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? (27) And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. (28) But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Now, my Sergeant friend didn't not commit the unpardonable sin. But he told me that he could never seem to over come the terrible guilt of that Massacre. This poor man was never able to forgive him self. Listen to God's Word:

1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Two of the most difficult things for Christians to learn are, **First**, when God says that he has done something, in this case, He has forgiven us our sins, then He has done just that. We need to learn to trust His word — *His is the final word!* And **Second** thing is, we must be willing to forgive our selves. We have no right to call anything unclean — if Jesus has just cleansed us.

Acts 11:9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, <u>What God hath</u> <u>cleansed, that call not thou common</u>.

Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it. — 1 Thessalonians 5:24*