

Will God Forgive Me of This Sin?

Introduction:

Often times people in general (and sometimes Christians) believe that the sins of their past are too heinous for God to forgive. The mind has concluded that God will never forgive them of such terrible crimes apart from the law of Jesus Christ. This lesson shall examine the “power of the gospel” to prove that no sin is too great for God to forgive.

I. God’s Power to Save Sinners:

- A. Truth saves souls (Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 1:18-19; 15:1-2).
- B. What limitations can we place on God’s power to save sinners?

II. NT Examples of the Power of God to Save Sinners:

- A. Paul (I Cor. 15:8-11; I Timothy 1:12-17).
- B. The Corinthians (I Cor. 6:9-11).

III. Key Words that Depict the Power of God to Save Sinners:

- A. Grace and Mercy (I Tim. 1:14):
 - 1. Grace and mercy saves (Eph. 2:4-5).
 - 2. Grace is equivalent to justification (Rom. 5:1-2).
 - 3. Grace and the gospel of Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11-12).
- B. Washed (I Cor. 6:11): A reference to baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
- C. Sanctified (I Cor. 6:11): Separated from profane things (see I Cor. 1:2).
- D. Justified (I Cor. 6:11): To be acquitted of sin (breaking the law of God).

IV. The Sinners Responsibility:

- A. Believe (Rom. 5:1-2; I Tim. 1:16).
 - 1. To believe is to:
 - a. Be justified and given access into the grace of God (Rom. 5:1-2).
 - b. Obey the Word of God (Jn. 3:36; 5:38).
 - 2. Unbelief equals:
 - a. Not hearing nor obeying the gospel (Jn. 8:43-45).
 - b. To “*Die in your sins*” (Jn. 8:24).
 - c. To be a sinner (Jn. 16:8-9).
- B. Faith in Jesus is to be the founding principle in each man’s life.
 - 1. My **faith** is brought on by **hearing** the gospel message (Rom. 10:17).
 - 2. My faith brings me to **confess** that Jesus is the Christ (Rom. 10:9-11).
 - 3. My faith will move me to **repent** (with a spirit of humility) for the transgressions of my life (Acts 2:38; 17:30).
 - 4. My faith will motivate me to obey God’s command to be **baptized** for the remission of my sins (Acts 22:16).

Conclusion:

Is there a sin that God’s word does not have the power to forgive? No. Though some sins may be indicators of greater emotional and spiritual problems than others, we must realize that sin (in general) separates man from God (Isa. 59:1-2).