

Living Connections Bible Study



Unpardonable

Text: Romans 9:15-18; Matthew 12:22-37

Icebreaker: Make a list of possible symptoms of someone who has hardened their heart toward God.

1. What does Paul say to unbelieving Jews who do not feel Gentiles are entitled to God's mercy and forgiveness without becoming proselytes to Judaism? Romans 9:15-16

2. Who does Paul use as a warning to Israel to show them the danger of further hardening their hearts by rejecting their Messiah and Savior? Romans 9:17-18; 2:4-5

3. Who was responsible for Pharaoh's hardened heart in the following verses?
Exodus 8:15, 32; 9:34

4. Look at the following verses and note that these verses do not state whether it was God or Pharaoh doing the hardening. Exodus 7:13-14, 22; 8:19; 9:7, 35

5. Notice that it wasn't until after the 6th plague on Egypt that we read that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Exodus 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 8

Just as Pharaoh could not thwart the elective purposes of God through his hardness and unbelief, so Israel as a corporate and elect body cannot thwart God's elective purposes through their unbelief and hardness of heart. God's plan for the ages will be accomplished and is being accomplished today through Christ's elect Body, His Church, made up of believing Jews and Gentiles.

6. What is the spiritual condition of those without Christ? Ephesians 2:1-3

7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in bringing the sinner to Christ according the following verses?
John 6:44

John 12:32

John 16:7-8

John 3:5-8 _____

Titus 3:5-6 _____

Matthew 16:16-17 _____

John 16:13-14 _____

8. How did Israel's religious leaders explain away the miracles of Jesus and harden their hearts to the Holy Spirit who was endeavoring to draw them to the Savior through His mighty power at work in Christ? Matthew 12:22-24; Matthew 9:34; John 7:20; 8:48, 52; 10:20

9. What then is the unpardonable sin? Matthew 12:25-32; Acts 7:51

Saul of Tarsus as a Pharisee was guilty of attributing Christ's miracles to Satan. He was in charge of arresting and prosecuting Christians for their faith, even sanctioning the stoning of Steven.

10. What evidence do we find that the Holy Spirit was strongly working in His heart to bring Him to Christ? Acts 9:4-6

11. Why is it so important then not to put off the promptings of the Holy Spirit to repent and receive the Savior? Genesis 6:3; Isaiah 55:6-7; 2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 3:7-8

Think About it this week:

Very often, when folks think they have committed the unpardonable sin they have not. Only those who are no longer concerned about their eternal destiny and spiritual condition are beyond hope and grace. If you have a longing to be saved, to be forgiven, to be right with God, this proves that you have not committed the unpardonable sin.

*It is dangerous to teeter in the doorway of decision
because there are more who fall out than those who fall in.*