

The Unforgiveable Sin, Confessing My Sins, Shame and Disgrace

Hell - the party has been canceled due to FIRE ...

... to those seeking Christ we would refer you to the simplicity of Christ found in original, primitive, Christianity found in the New Testament scriptures.

Matthew 12:22-32 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 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. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. 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.

Taken in context, the unforgiveable sin is to see Jesus work a miracle which were signs proving Him to be the Messiah (cf: Acts 2:22ff) ... to see Jesus work a miracle and attribute the power Satan. An act

which is impossible for us to do today ... hold on “fire breathers” ... all you judgmental brethren ... I’ve got some red meat for you too ... There are many solemn warnings and terrible admonitions following.

II Peter 2:20-22 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog [is] turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Hebrews 6:4-9 For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [*him*] to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers [is] rejected, and [is] nigh unto cursing; whose end [is] to be burned. 9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

FF Bruce said: This warning has both been unduly minimized and unduly exaggerated ... The warning of this passage is a real warning against a real danger ...” On the other hand, our author's meaning can be exaggerated to the point of distortion when he is understood to say that for sins committed after faith baptism there can be no repentance.

Hebrews 6:4 For [it is] impossible ...

The most difficult word in this passage is "impossible," which seems to perplex most learned men. Macknight wrote that "The (Hebrew writer) does not mean that it is impossible for God to renew a second time an apostate; but that it is impossible for the ministers of Christ to do so."

God might indeed do what is here called impossible. This does no violence to truth, since all things are possible with God, except that he should lie (Heb. 6:18) or deny himself (II Tim 2:13); and since the renewing of an apostate is not an action included in that exception, it would, of course, be possible with God.

Mark 9: 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things [are] possible to him that believeth.

Matthew 19: 26 But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Hebrews 12: 1-8 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is

he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Psalm 51:17 (A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.) 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin [is] ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done [this] evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, [and] be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden [part] thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; [that] the bones [which] thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me [with thy] free spirit. 13 [Then] will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: [and] my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give [it]: thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God [are] a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.e sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

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Matthew 7:15-20 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins

The 10th Chapter of Hebrews is discussing sacrifices and offering in the Jerusalem temple.

No industrial concern ever operated without some means of waste disposal ... How could God Almighty operate the universe without some means of destroying the waste portions of it? Hell is God's cosmic disposal unit; yet it is not prepared for men but for Satan and his angels, and the only persons who will be finally lost in hell are those who elect to follow the influence of Satan.

Christ spread wide his bleeding hands upon the cross in order to woo and draw you; to save you, and redeem you

Luke 12: 47-48 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not [himself], neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many [stripes]. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit

things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few [stripes]. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

There are many speculations on "degrees of punishment in hell" that come from these verses but none of them afford any enlightenment on a subject that lies beyond the abilities of human knowledge.

The Old Testament Hebrew word *Sheol* (SHEE-ol) means: the grave or unseen state, and is translated into English as hell such as cf:

Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, [*and*] all the nations that forget God.

Sheol is translated into New Testament Greek as *Hades* meaning: the abode of the dead, and is translated into English as hell

The Greek New Testament word Gehenna (gay-HEN-nah) meaning: the place of punishment, is also translated into English as Hell cf:

Luke 12:4-5 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Power to cast into hell ... This word, hell, is a translation of [*gehenna*], a Greek word used by Matthew, Mark, Luke and James

Later close to the end of the age of the Apostles, Peter writing to Gentile Christians in II Peter he uses the Greek tar-tar-us (TAR-tar-uhs) also meaning the place of punishment to describe Hell cf:

II Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [*them*] down to hell, and delivered [*them*] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

All these words mean the same place which is the place of the dead. During Old Testament times it had 2 parts, torment which was the place of the wicked and or unbelieving dead, separated from Abraham's bosom, the place of the believing dead. Jesus explains this in the Parable of The Rich man & Lazarus cf:

Luke 16:19-31 ... rich man ... beggar named Lazarus,

The Rebellion of Korah (KOR-ah) in which Korah went down alive into the pit took place about 1,447 BC cf:

Numbers 16:26-40 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. 27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, (DAY-thin) and Abiram, (AH-bi-ram) on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. 28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for [*I have*] not [*done them*] of mine own mind. 29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; [*then*] the LORD hath not sent me. 30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that [*appertain*] unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. 31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that [*was*] under them: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that [*appertained*] unto Korah, and all [*their*] goods. 33 They, and all that [*appertained*] to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. 34 And all Israel that [*were*] round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up [*also*]. 35 And there came

out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense. 36 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed. 38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates [*for*] a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel. 39 And Eleazar (El-ee-A-zar) the priest took the brasen (BRAY-sen) censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad [*plates for*] a covering of the altar: 40 [*To be*] a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which [*is*] not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

Later King David wrote Psalm 88 about 1,000 BC so it had been about 500 years since Korah went down alive into the pit & Psalm 88 is a psalm of Korah in Hell. Korah has been dead almost 500 years & hasn't figured out yet his situation is permanent. cf:

Psalm 88:1-18 A Song [*or*] Psalm for the sons of Korah, (KOR-ah) to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, (MAH-ha-lath LEEN-noth) Maschil (MASS-kill) of Heman (HEE-man) the Ezrahite (EHZ-rah-hite).

1. O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day [*and*] night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man [*that hath*] no strength:

- 5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.**
- 6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.**
- 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted [*me*] with all thy waves. Selah (SAY-lah).**
- 8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: [*I am*] shut up, and I cannot come forth.**
- 9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.**
- 10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise [*and*] praise thee? Selah.**
- 11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? [*or*] thy faithfulness in destruction?**
- 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?**
- 13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.**
- 14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? [*why*] hidest thou thy face from me?**
- 15 I [*am*] afflicted and ready to die from [*my*] youth up: [*while*] I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.**
- 16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.**
- 17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.**

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, [*and*] mine acquaintance into darkness.

John 5:24-29 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Coffman tells how many: “years ago, a flood carried away one of the bridges over the Brown River near Vicksburg, Mississippi. A salesman, taken unaware, was able to halt his car only on the last few feet of pavement that remained. In a state of shock, he got out of his car and stood a few moments transfixed by the boiling flood he had so narrowly escaped. Approaching headlights warned him of the danger to others, and he frantically tried to halt the drivers as several cars, one after another, ignored his desperate signals and plunged to destruction. A total of eight persons lost their lives before he could turn his car and blockade the road.” Now, should that salesman to be blamed for the death of those motorists who ignored his warnings and plunged into the river? No! And in exactly the same way, God cannot be blamed for the eternal punishment men shall certainly incur who ignore the divine warnings, reject the Savior’s sacrifice, and plunge headlong into eternal death. Let the Savior’s words be viewed in such a light, and men will avoid the temptation to “humanize” the gospel.

There are dark and terrible realities confronting us. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!"

Matthew 25:31-46 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [*his*] sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [*thee*]? or thirsty, and gave [*thee*] drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took [*thee*] in? or naked, and clothed [*thee*]? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [*it*] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [*it*] unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

The devil and his angels ... indicates that some of the angels ... Because they kept not their first estate but elected to follow Satan in a course of rebellion and disobedience of God's will. 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:1:6 shed additional light upon the status of Satan's angels.

Matthew 25:42-46 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord,

when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did [*it*] not to one of the least of these, ye did [*it*] not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Romans 2:1-12 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God. 12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

Sources: KJV, theWord.com, Burton Coffman, Wikipedia