

Mark 3:20-35 Quiz

Jesus said: "All sins of the descendants of man will be forgiven, INCLUDING THEIR BLASPHEMIES with which they may blaspheme; but whoever may blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"

Jesus saves us from our sins--even horrible sins.

But now Jesus is talking about a kind of sin that cannot be _____--a kind of sin that is eternal.

But then scribes who came down from Jerusalem said of Jesus, "He has Beelzebub"--a demon. They said, "By the prince of demons (Jesus) casts out the demons". Now we're getting closer to the unforgiveable sin.

At that point, the scribes are doing two bad things.

First, the scribes are slandering Jesus--bearing false witness against Jesus in violation of one of the Ten Commandments.

Second--and this is important to understanding the unforgiveable sin--the scribes were looking at something good--Jesus casting out _____--and were calling it bad.

Now we're getting closer to understanding the sin against the Holy Spirit--the unforgiveable sin. It has more to do with the spirit of the sinner than with God's unwillingness to forgive.

The scribes had so hardened their hearts against Jesus that they would not see the good in what Jesus was doing. Their _____ sense had become twisted. So, they got everything backwards. They could no longer discern between good and evil.

The scribes could have been forgiven. God had not turned his back on them. But, no longer able to discern good from _____, they found themselves _____ to the work of Jesus--opposed to the work of the _____--opposed to the work of God. They had turned around and faced the wrong direction--and they refused to turn again to God.

And therein lay their problem. The _____ could not ask forgiveness, because they didn't think they needed it.

The sin against the Holy Spirit has to do with hearts being so twisted that they can no longer discern good and evil. The sin against the Holy Spirit has to do with people preferring the evil and hating the _____.

The sin against the Holy Spirit is when the person's moral compass gets so out of whack that they see the work of the Holy Spirit and think it's bad--and feel free to blaspheme God and God's people.

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| A. forgiven | C. scribes | E. evil | G. Holy Spirit |
| B. moral | D. opposed | F. demons | H. good |