#### The Unpardonable Sin The shocking revelation about blasphemy of the Holy Spirit By Raymond D. Mossie, M.D.

(Emphasis added)

God spoke to me about the unpardonable sin and gave me a significantly better understanding as to why speaking against the Holy Spirit is such a devastating sin that cannot be forgiven. In this teaching we will look deeper into the matter and I will reveal what God showed me about the issue. Let us first begin with what Jesus said about the subject as recorded in Matthew chapter 12 and Mark 3...

#### Matthew Chapter 12:22-37 -

<sup>22</sup>Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup>And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" <sup>24</sup>Now when the Pharisees heard *it* they said, "This *fellow* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup>"If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup>"And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup>"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup>"Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. <sup>30</sup>"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

<sup>31</sup> "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. <sup>32</sup> "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

<sup>33</sup>"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. <sup>34</sup>"Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? **For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.** <sup>35</sup>"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. <sup>36</sup>"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>"**For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**"1

#### Mark 3:20-30 -

<sup>20</sup>Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. <sup>21</sup>But when His own people heard *about this*, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>So He called them to *Himself* and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>"And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>"And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he

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cannot stand, but has an end. <sup>27</sup>"No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; <sup>29</sup>"but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"— <sup>30</sup>because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."2

These are very important scriptures because we see that there are two kingdoms, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. Neither kingdom will stand if there is division. Jesus also tells us there that we will give an account to God for every idle word that we speak and further it is by the words that come from us that we are either justified or condemned. So it is through speech that blasphemy of the Holy Spirit occurs. However, let us define the word 'blasphemy'...

## blas-phe-my (blas fe-me)

n. pl. blas-phe-mies

**1.a.** A contemptuous or profane act, utterance, or writing concerning God or a sacred entity.

**b.** The act of claiming for oneself the attributes and rights of God.

**2.** An irreverent or impious act, attitude, or utterance in regard to something considered inviolable or sacrosanct.

[Middle English blasfemie, from Late Latin blasph $\overline{e}$ mia, from Greek blasph $\overline{e}$ mi $\overline{a}$ , from blasph $\overline{e}$ mein, to blaspheme; see blaspheme.]<sup>3</sup>

From this definition we can see that the act of blasphemy is speaking against God or something holy. In the case of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit it is the act of speaking against the Holy Spirit. Let us look at a few more scriptures to confirm the source of blasphemy...

#### Mark 7:1-23 -

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<sup>1</sup>Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. <sup>3</sup>For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>*When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. <sup>5</sup>Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" <sup>6</sup>He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

'This people honors Me with their lips,

- But their heart is far from Me.
- And in vain they worship Me,

Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

<sup>2</sup>*The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

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<sup>8</sup>"For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." <sup>9</sup>He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. <sup>10</sup> "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' <sup>11</sup>"But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God), <sup>12</sup>"then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, <sup>13</sup> "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." <sup>14</sup>When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. <sup>16</sup> ''If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" <sup>17</sup>When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. <sup>18</sup>So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>"because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, *thus* purifying all foods?" <sup>20</sup>And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.<sup>21</sup>"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup>"thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, **blasphemy**, pride, foolishness.<sup>23</sup>"All these evil things come from within and defile a man."4

So we see here again, (as we saw in Matt. 12:34) that it is from the heart that the mouth speaks blasphemy. So we can assume that blasphemy is an issue within a person's heart. How does a person speak blasphemy from his or her heart? The answer lies in the book of James chapter 3...

### **Chapter 3**

<sup>1</sup>My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. <sup>4</sup>Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. <sup>5</sup>Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. <sup>8</sup>But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

<sup>13</sup>Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup>This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where envy and self-seeking *exist*,

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confusion and every evil thing *are* there. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.5

So we see here that it is bitter envy and selfishness in the heart that brings forth wrong words that stem from earthbound wisdom that ultimately comes from the devil. It says there that no man can control the tongue, but it does not say that God cannot. Jesus said in John 15:5-6...

#### John 15:5-6 -

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**. <sup>6</sup>"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. 6

Therefore, if anyone would like to control their tongue, they need the help of Jesus! Otherwise it will be a waste of time to even try. How will Jesus help to control our tongue? It will be through cleaning the heart of bitter envy and self seeking, and filling it with His presence and that of the Holy Spirit. Let's look at Acts 2:1-4...

#### Acts 2:1-4 –

<sup>1</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.7

So we see from these scriptures that it is the Holy Spirit who will give us utterance if we will allow her to dwell fully in our hearts. She will only speak with the wisdom of God, because she is that source of that wisdom. We get the wisdom of God from Him by asking in faith and by choosing to reject the wisdom of the world that appeals to selfishness and the fleshly senses, (i.e., is sensual).

#### James 1:5-8 -

<sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For let not that man suppose

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<sup>6</sup>*The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

<sup>7</sup>*The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

that he will receive anything from the Lord;  ${}^{8}he$  is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.8

Both wisdom and the Holy Spirit are feminine, (see the teaching, 'Holy Spirit'). We know this because there are three parts of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and He created us in His image, male and female, (see Genesis 1:27 and Matthew 28:19). The Father is portrayed throughout the Bible as male and the Son - Jesus is clearly male, so by default that leaves the Holy Spirit to be 'female'. For those who would question this because the modern Bible says 'He' when it refers to the Holy Spirit should look up the word from which the word 'He' is translated in the English, as the original Greek word autos, (Strong's no. 846) from which it is translated is gender neutral and the first English translation listed in the Strong's Dictionary is 'her'...

846.aujtol' **autos**, aulau [perh. akin to the base of 109 through the idea of a *baffling* wind] (*backward*); the refl. pron. *self*, used (alone or in the comp. 1438) of the third pers., and (with the proper pers. pron.) of the other persons:— her, it (-self), one, the other, (mine) own, said, ([self-], the) same, ([him-, my-, thy-]) self, [your-] selves, she, that, their (-s), them ([-selves]), there [-at, -by, -in, -into, -of, -on, -with], they, (these) things, this (man), those, together, very, which. comp. 848.9

Here is how wisdom is spoken of in Proverbs 9...

#### Proverbs 9:1-12 -

1	Wisdom has built her house,
	She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2	She has slaughtered her meat,
	She has mixed her wine,
	She has also furnished her table.
3	She has sent out her maidens,
4	She cries out from the highest places of the city,
	"Whoever <i>is</i> simple, let him turn in here!"
5	As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
	"Come, eat of my bread
6	And drink of the wine I have mixed.
	Forsake foolishness and live,
7	And go in the way of understanding.
	"He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
0	And he who rebukes a wicked <i>man only</i> harms himself.
8	Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
0	Rebuke a wise <i>man</i> , and he will love you.
9	Give <i>instruction</i> to a wise <i>man</i> , and he will be still wiser;
10	Teach a just <i>man</i> , and he will increase in learning.
	"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
	And the knowledge of the Holy One <i>is</i> understanding.

<sup>8</sup>*The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

<sup>9</sup>James Strong, New Strong's dictionary of Hebrew and Greek words [computer file], electronic ed., Logos Library System, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson) 1997, c1996.

11	For by me your days will be multiplied,
	And years of life will be added to you.
12	If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And if y	ou scoff, you will bear <i>it</i> alone."10

Therefore if we want to be perfect in Christ, as it says there in James 3:2, we must speak only with the wisdom of God that comes from the Holy Spirit operating in our hearts. This ultimately boils down to our choice to give up our selfish ways and take on God's loving ways. IT IS A CHOICE! Moses told the Israelites in Deuteronomy 30...

## **Chapter 30**

<sup>1</sup>"Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, <sup>2</sup>" and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup>"that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup>"If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. <sup>5</sup>"Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. <sup>6</sup>"And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. <sup>7</sup>"Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. <sup>8</sup>"And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today. <sup>9</sup>"The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, <sup>10</sup>"if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>"For this commandment which I command you today *is* not *too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off. <sup>12</sup>"It *is* not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup>"Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup>"But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, <sup>16</sup>"in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. <sup>17</sup>"But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>"I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. <sup>19</sup>"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup>"that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to

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# Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."11

We see from these verses that IT IS A CHOICE for us to make as to what we will do. It is not something that God has made obscure for us, but it is in our hearts if we will accept it. People know intrinsically what is good, right and just. God put that knowledge in our hearts. However, the great majority of people CHOOSE to ignore that inner righteousness and instead they do the thing that will get them into trouble because they fear something other than God more than they fear HIM, (Romans chapter 7). Interestingly since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, God also put a law in our fleshly bodies that is called the LAW OF SIN, (some call it the 'sin nature', Romans 7:23).

#### Romans 7:23-25 -

<sup>23</sup>But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to **the law of sin which is in my members**. <sup>24</sup>O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but **with the flesh the law of sin**.12

This law of sin, or sin nature, is probably in our genetic code, (a mutation if you like) but God placed it there as a consequence of the sin in the Garden of Eden and every human being born into this world since then has it in their flesh. This sin nature is the one thing that we must overcome if we want to live in the presence of God, (Revelation 21:7) because God is Spirit and not flesh and He is holy and without sin, so He cannot exist in the presence of sinful flesh, (I Corinthians 15:50). The flesh is like putrid garbage to God and He will not tolerate it, (Isaiah 64:6). Therefore, the battle between the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of Christ is for our hearts, (a.k.a., our soul) and God wants us to follow the inner spirit man that knows right from wrong but the flesh, (and it's law of sin) gets in the way. We have to overcome the flesh with its sin nature and walk according to the spirit, but the only way to do that is by CHOOSIING to receive Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for that sin which dwells within us and separate ourselves from the law of sin which is in our flesh and follow a higher law, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, (Romans 8:1-17).

#### Romans 8:1-17 -

<sup>1</sup>*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup>So

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then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. <sup>10</sup>And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.13

So we see from these scriptures that whatever we set our heart/mind to will become a reality in our lives. If we set our heart to serve God through Christ Jesus, we will overcome the law of sin through the greater law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. That new higher law is valid and effective to help us OVERCOME the law of sin in our flesh ONLY THROUGH JESUS, (and by abiding in Him and in His love, see John ch. 15) and ONLY BY THE POWER, (= GRACE) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Otherwise a person is going to be CONDEMNED and will ultimately end up in the lake of fire, (Revelation 21:7-8). But we see in Romans 8:1 that there is NO CONDEMNATION for those who live according to the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. These people who live according to this law, (which comes ONLY through Jesus and the Holy Spirit and supersedes the law of sin and death because it is a greater law) will not end up in the lake of fire because they have overcome the law of sin which lives in their flesh. They have DECIDED to dedicate their lives to Jesus and have CHOSEN the greater law of the Holy Spirit which will ultimately save them from the lake of fire on Judgment Day. That is why speaking against the Holy Spirit is the ultimate sin because the person in effect denies the very source of power that can ultimately save them from the law of sin that is in their flesh! If a person wilfully allows the law of sin that resides in their flesh to guide them and they DECIDE to walk according to the flesh and not according to the Holy Spirit, (which comes to them ONLY when they abide in Jesus) then there is no other sacrifice that will allow them to avoid the ultimate penalty of the lake of fire because they are UNBELIEVERS of the Word of God that has been offered to them through Jesus the Christ for salvation, (Hebrews 6:4-8, 10:26-39 and Revelation 21:7-8).

#### Hebrews 6:4-8 –

<sup>4</sup>For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup>if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame. <sup>7</sup>For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs

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useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; <sup>8</sup>but if it bears thorns and briars, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.14

#### Hebrews 10:26-39 -

<sup>26</sup>For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup>but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. <sup>28</sup>Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup>Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup>For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." <sup>31</sup>It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. <sup>32</sup>But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: <sup>33</sup>partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; <sup>34</sup> for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.<sup>35</sup>Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. <sup>36</sup>For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

<sup>37</sup> "For yet a little while,
And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith;
But if *anyone* draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

<sup>39</sup>But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.15

#### Revelation 21:7-8 -

<sup>7</sup>"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. <sup>8</sup>"But the cowardly, **unbelieving**, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."16

We see then that INSULTING the SPIRIT OF GRACE, (the HOLY SPIRIT) is the unpardonable sin because in effect the person denies the very means and power of God, (grace) by which they may be saved from the lake of fire. If a person does not have FAITH, (belief) in the Holy Spirit which is the source of GRACE or the POWER of God for salvation, they DENY THE ONLY WAY TO BE SAVED! It is BY GRACE and THROUGH FAITH in

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<sup>16</sup>*The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

that grace that we are saved when we call on the name of Jesus Christ and not through any works that we can come up with, Romans 8:8-12 and Ephesians 2:8...

#### Romans 8:8-13 -

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup>For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

#### Ephesians 2:8 -

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast.17

These scriptures in Romans are quoting the same words that Moses spoke to the Israelites as recorded in Deuteronomy above. Thus Paul is repeating the principle that the truth is already in our hearts and if we will simply CHOOSE whom we will serve, God will come in with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, (Spirit of Grace) to finish the work of salvation and make us all that He wants us to be. However, God gave us a free will and He wants us to CHOOSE to love Him and we show Him that love through our obedience, (John 14:15 and others).

Another principle is that whatever we treasure or desire will be where our heart/mind is focused. If we treasure or desire the things and ways of this world, we will find ourselves at odds with God. God created this natural world and its temporary wealth as something for us to overcome so that we could have something better with Him; something that will last forever. If He can trust us with the weak, natural things of this world, then He KNOWS that He can trust us with the holy and precious things of the next life. If people cannot be faithful and take care of the natural and temporary things of this world, then God will KNOW that they will not be trustworthy with the precious, eternal things of His great kingdom. If we treasure God and His ways over this world and still honor and take care of the things He has given us here, we will find eternal favor and trust with Him. We will prove ourselves trustworthy of His eternal kingdom,

#### Matthew 6:19-21 -

<sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>"but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.18

Luke 16:1-18 –

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16 Jesus told this story to his disciples: "A rich man hired a manager to handle his affairs, but soon a rumor went around that the manager was thoroughly dishonest.<sup>2</sup> So his employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about your stealing from me? Get your report in order, because you are going to be dismissed.'

<sup>3</sup> "The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? I'm through here, and I don't have the strength to go out and dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know just the thing! And then I'll have plenty of friends to take care of me when I leave!'

<sup>5</sup> "So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' <sup>6</sup> The man replied, 'I owe him eight hundred gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Tear up that bill and write another one for four hundred gallons.'

<sup>7</sup> " 'And how much do you owe my employer?' he asked the next man. 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take your bill and replace it with one for only eight hundred bushels.'

<sup>8</sup> "The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the citizens of this world are more shrewd than the godly are. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.

<sup>10</sup> "Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. <sup>11</sup> And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? <sup>12</sup> And if you are not faithful with other people's money, why should you be trusted with money of your own?

<sup>13</sup> "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, naturally scoffed at all this. <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "You like to look good in public, but God knows your evil hearts. What this world honors is an abomination in the sight of God.

<sup>16</sup> "Until John the Baptist began to preach, the laws of Moses and the messages of the prophets were your guides. But now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and eager multitudes are forcing their way in. <sup>17</sup> But that doesn't mean that the law has lost its force in even the smallest point. It is stronger and more permanent than heaven and earth.

<sup>18</sup> "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

In this last verse it appears as if Jesus is changing the subject but He is not. In speaking about divorce, He is speaking about people who divorce Him and marry the world and its temporary wealth. God considers loving the things of this world adultery against Jesus who is the Bridegroom of the church, James 4:1-10, and Revelation 19:7-8...

#### James 4:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members? <sup>2</sup>You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes

**himself an enemy of God.** <sup>5</sup>Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? <sup>6</sup>But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup>Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.19

#### II Corinthians 11:2 –

<sup>2</sup>For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.20

#### Revelation 19:7-8 –

<sup>7</sup>"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup>And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.21

We see then that the ultimate plan of God for mankind is that we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, 'marry' Him and to live 'happily ever after' in His kingdom, because He is our everlasting Prince of Peace. This is not a fairy tale but the truth of God that we find in the Holy Bible. There is no other way for us to access the eternity with the Father, except through Jesus Christ, John 14:6...

#### John 14:6 -

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.22

There is no other way to be saved from the flesh and the law of sin which leads people into the lake of fire than through Jesus Christ, Acts 4:8-12...

Acts 4:8-12 -

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<sup>8</sup>**Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: <sup>9</sup>"If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, <sup>10</sup>"let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup>"This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>"Nor is there salvation in any other, for **there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved**."

And there is no other way to come to Jesus than by the leading of the Holy Spirit and no other way to STAY connected to Jesus than by the GRACE or POWER of God that comes to us from the Holy Spirit. This is the gospel or good news that we preach – salvation through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the GRACE, (unmerited favor and power) of the Holy Spirit that both leads us to Jesus and also keeps us abiding in Him, (see John ch. 15). That grace comes ONLY from the Holy Spirit...the SPIRIT OF GRACE. Grace is a feminine name. No man has ever been named Grace. The Holy Spirit is the feminine part of God and as such is very sensitive. Speaking against the Holy Spirit, (blasphemy) is in effect denying God Himself and He takes that very personally, because the person who KNOWS that it is the power or grace of God at work in a miraculous way but denies that power for their own selfish, fearful reasons or gain, denies the same power that can save them from the lake of fire and rejects the only way to be saved. That is why blasphemy of the Holy Spirit by denying the power of God that guides us in Him is the unpardonable sin and cannot be forgiven since in doing so the person rejects the very means by which God gave them to be saved and tramples on the only hope that they have to live forever in the presence of God. In doing so they seal their fate to damnation and will ultimately end up in the lake of fire. People teach that it is not possible for a Christian to do such a thing, but the scriptures presented in this teaching say otherwise. We need to fear God and Him alone and give up our own selfish desires or risk ending up in the lake of fire.

#### Acts 5:1-11 -

<sup>1</sup>But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. <sup>2</sup>And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup>"While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." <sup>5</sup>Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. <sup>6</sup>And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him*. <sup>7</sup>Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." <sup>9</sup>Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out." <sup>10</sup>Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband. <sup>11</sup>So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.23

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We have shown then that speaking against or lying to the Holy Spirit brings certain death and eternal damnation. So if you do not wish to have such a fate, then do not reject the miracle working power of the Holy Spirit, but submit to it. We need to fear God and Him alone. Therefore, when God performs a miracle or does some great thing in order to confirm His Word, (Mark 16:15-20). DO NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE THAT THE PHARISEES DID AS RECORDED IN THE OPENING SCRIPTURES ABOVE BY DENYING THAT IT IS GOD, BUT RATHER ACCEPT THAT IT COMES FROM HIM AND SUBMIT TO HIS WILL IN THE MATTER, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS OR HOW STRANGE IT SEEMS. In this way you will not commit the unpardonable sin of denying God but instead will be HONORING God and ACCEPTING the gift of GRACE that comes from the MOST HOLY SPIRIT OF GRACE, who is the bridesmaid of the church of Jesus Christ preparing us for the day of His return to marry us! Amen.

#### Revelation 22:17a -

<sup>17</sup>And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"... 24

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