

What is the Unpardonable Sin? Who should we NOT pray for? What is sin anyway?

These are questions that we who are mature should know the answers to.

Where can we find the answers? First we need to know what sin is.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1Jo 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Hebrews: 5:12 For by now you ought to be teachers, instead you have need that one teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and in need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Heb. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.3 And this will we do, if God permit.

So we see that believers that have had access to God's word should be able to answer everything that God has given us to share with others. Many elders, deacons, and long time members, only know and rely on what their Pastors or headquarters hand down for them to study. The Bible tells us to study and be able to "Prove all things".

1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

How can one "prove" all things if he hasn't studied enough to answer bible questions? It is easy to be "religious", but to know the answers to a young Christian's questions correctly one has to study, pray, mediate and study some more. Then he must "prove" by supporting scriptures what he thinks he knows.

1Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

That one is simple but who, or what, is the one we are not to pray for?

1 John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.

What is the sin that is not unto death? Christ said we are forgiven as we forgive. We have to be willing to forgive our enemies. We are also told to "repent" when we sin. In other words hate the act of sin that you are guilty of so much that you are sincerely struggling to stop doing whatever sin it is. As we grow in the right attitude we find we sin less and less. That is the sin which is not unto death. But, of course it is most important to know what God considers sin. There is a sin of ignorance, but even that is going to result in one suffering the consequence of the sin. Just because one doesn't know he is too close to the edge and falls off a cliff doesn't mean he isn't going to suffer the consequence. We can sin in ignorance but we will still suffer for it along the way.

There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. John says there is a sin that we are not to pray for.

Paul describes the sin: It is one that has once received the power of the Holy Spirit of God and then neglects to feed himself spiritual food, deceiving himself that he has become so good and complete in his religion that he no longer needs God and becomes self-deceived as Satan did, puffed up with pride and arrogance. Such a one loses God's spirit, uses his freedom to abuse God's word and God's gifts, with no love toward man or God.

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, (the future glory of God's plan)6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that comes often upon it, and brings forth herbs for them by whom it is planted receives blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

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