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Topic: **Life of Christ: Is there an unpardonable sin?**

Scripture Text: Mark 3:28-30

1. An unpardonable sin means a sin which cannot be forgiven. There is no such sin that God cannot pardon because the blood of Jesus shed at Calvary's cross is of infinite value and worth that can forgive every sin. All sins can be forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ if the sinner is willing to repent and confess his sin.
2. The verses in Mark 3:28-30 do not refer to judicial hardening for these people are ordained to damnation in their continual and willful hardening of their hearts against God. Examples of these are: Pharaoh in the days of Moses, and Judas Iscariot.
3. The parallel account in Matthew 12:22-37 will provide a clear explanation to the meaning of the words of Jesus "he that blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness"s. The context of these verses was that Jesus had healed a man possessed with a demon and the Pharisees and Scribes had accused Jesus that He did it by the power of Satan.
4. The interpretation can be explained from verses 31 and 32. When we sin against man, it can be forgiven because we can find the man to say sorry and to make restitutions and compensations for our sins against that man. However, when we sin against God, there is no way to reach God and even if we can reach Him, there is nothing we can do to appease God for our sins.
5. The teaching of Jesus to the people is that they should not be too quick to jump to the conclusion that He cast out demon using Satan's power because if it is a sin against God, there is no forgiveness unless they repent. The application for us today is not to be so quick to reject Christ and His Word. Our sinful words can bring us condemnation unless we repent of these sins.