

Biblical Answers to Life's Hard Questions: Sin / Unforgivable Sin

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Gen 2:16-17

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Sin is...

1. CHOOSING OUR WAY RATHER THAN GOD'S

Gen 3:4-5

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Rom 3:10

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;"

Rom 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2 Tim 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Its consequences are...

2. A FUTURE OF PAIN, DYSFUNCTION & DEATH

Rom 6:23a

For the wages of sin is death...

Prov 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Isa 55:9

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." [declares the Lord].

1 Cor 3:19

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight...

The only unforgivable sin is...

3. DELIBERATE AND UNRELENTING REJECTION OF GOD

Matt 12:31

And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

The solution is...

4. JESUS

1 Cor 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.