



Principles of Evangelism
Lesson 6: Excuses People Make & the Unforgiveable Sin

Excuses People Make

1. I have sinned too greatly to be forgiven.

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Luke 19:10

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Matthew 9:12, 13

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John 3:17

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Proverbs 28:13

2. If God loves me, why can't I feel Him?

- Their closed hearts are filled with darkness.

Ephesians 4:18

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Isaiah 59:2

- Seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

3. I would like to become a Christian, but I cannot give up all my ways.

- Power to become the sons of God.

John 1:12

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Philippians 4:13

- Walk in the spirit.

Galatians 5:16

4. I would like to become a Christian, but it will hurt my business.

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Mark 8:26

- Seek first the kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:33

- You shall receive a hundred fold.

Mark 10:29, 30

5. I have seen too many hypocrites in the church.

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Galatians 6:7, 8

- We must give account of ourselves.

Romans 14:12

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Hebrews 12:2

6. It is too late.

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2 Corinthians 6:2

- Do not harden your hearts today.

Hebrews 3:15

- Let us reason together.

Isaiah 1:18**7. I cannot leave my old friends.**

- You are who your friends are.

Proverbs 13:20

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James 4:4

- Leave your friends and Jesus will bless you.

Matthew 19:29**8. I will be persecuted as a Christian.**

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Matthew 5:10-12**9. I am seeking God, but I cannot find Him.**

- Jesus is the way.

John 14:6

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Jeremiah 29:13

- It is time to seek the Lord.

Hosea 10:12

10. I am backslidden.

- God has a plan for the backslider.

Hosea 14:4

- The prodigal son (Luke 15)
- The lost sheep (Luke 15)

11. God will not accept me.

- Whoever believes

John 3:16

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John 6:37

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Romans 10:13

12. There are many roads that lead to God.

- Jesus said He was the way.

John 14:6

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John 10:1

- Salvation is only found in Jesus.

Acts 4:4

13. I have no sin.

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Romans 3:23

- We deceive ourselves.

1 John 1:8

- We make God a liar.

1 John 1:10

14. I am good enough.

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Ephesians 2:8, 9

- God looks at your good deeds just like filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6

- You think you are wise.

Romans 1:22

The Unforgiveable Sin

1. Introduction

Sometimes you may speak with a backslidden Christian who thinks they have committed the unpardonable sin.

There are two main scriptures that deal with this.

2. Hebrews 6

Hebrews 6:4-6

- This is speaking about someone who is saved, has operated in gifts of the Holy Spirit, and has learned the Word of God.
- When that person rejects Christ and wants nothing to do with Him anymore, it is impossible for them to be saved.

- The very fact that someone is worried if they have committed this sin is proof that they have not committed it.
- When someone does this they have no desire to come back into fellowship with Jesus.
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3. Matthew 12

Matthew 12:31, 32

- Before Jesus said this, the Pharisees had blasphemed against the Spirit. They did this by attributing the power by which Jesus did miracles to Satan.
- The unpardonable sin is the deliberate refusal to acknowledge God's power in Christ.
- When someone commits this sin there is an irreversible hardness of heart.
- The person has turned their back on God and rejected Jesus.
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- It is important to remember that people do not go to Hell for doing bad things. They go to Hell because they reject Jesus. That is the only reason. That is what the unpardonable is in is – a rejection of the power of Jesus to save you.