



## EPISODE 9 - GUIDE

### 1. What is the unpardonable sin?

- **Matthew 12:31–32** - <sup>31</sup> Wherefore I say unto you, **all** manner of **sin** and **blasphemy** shall be forgiven unto men: but the **blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven** unto men. <sup>32</sup> And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever **speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. What is the Greek definition of blasphemy?

- Blasphemy – βλασφημία (*blasphēmia*), ας (*as*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem
- LN 33.400 **reviling**, malicious talk, slander (Mt 15:19); 2. LN 33.401 **blasphemy, the content of defamation or slander** (Lk 5:21). Slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another's good name. 2 **impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



### 3. What kind of speech was being used against God before this statement was made?

- **Matthew 12:22–25** - <sup>22</sup> Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, this *fellow doth not cast out devils*, but by **Beelzebub** the **prince of the devils**. <sup>25</sup> And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them... <sup>28</sup> But if I **cast out devils** by the **Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Had they attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan before this?

- **Matthew 9:30–34** - <sup>30</sup> But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. <sup>32</sup> As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. <sup>33</sup> And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. <sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, **He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

- **John 16:7–8, 13** - <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. <sup>8</sup> And when he is come, he will **reprove** the **world of**



sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment... <sup>13</sup> Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...

- **John 14:26** - But the **Comforter**, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you..
- **The Holy Spirit job:** *Reprove the world of sin*
- **Reprove** = ἐλέγχω (*elegchō*): vb.;
- **rebuke, expose;** refute, **show one's fault**, implying that there is a convincing of that fault (Mt 18:15; Jn 3:20; 16:8; Eph 5:11; 1Ti 5:20; 2Ti 4:2; Tit 1:9; Heb 12:5; Jas 2:9; Jude 15; Rev 3:19; Jn 8:9 v.r.; Jude 22, 23 v.r.)
- **to convict, rebuke, expose.** *Refers to rebuking or correcting an error, or to exposing something...* This is the usual Septuagint translation of נָכַח (*yākah*, “to rebuke”). In the NT, it can refer to rebuking or reproofing sin (e.g., Luke 3:19; 1 Tim 5:20) in order to correct people. It can also refer to legal conviction for wrongdoing (e.g., Jas 2:9) and to exposing things hidden by darkness (e.g., John 3:20) as a metaphor for revealing wrongdoing.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Example: Woman caught in adultery**

- **John 8:5–9** - <sup>5</sup> Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? <sup>6</sup> This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not*. <sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, **He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her**. <sup>8</sup> And again he stooped down, and **wrote on the ground**. <sup>9</sup> And they which heard *it*, **being convicted** by *their own conscience*, went out one by



one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. What is the medium through which the Holy Spirit works to rebuke us of sin?**

- **2 Timothy 4:1–2** - Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all **longsuffering** and **doctrine**.
- **2 Peter 1:21** - For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved **by the Holy Ghost**.
- **2 Timothy 3:16–17** - <sup>16</sup> **All scripture** is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Does the Holy Spirit just convict/rebuke once, or as often as we need it?**

- **Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts** and **intents of the heart**.
- **Psalms 139:23–24** - <sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: <sup>24</sup> And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## 8. Does the rebuking of God lead me to feeling shame and guilt?

### How heaven and God viewed Daniel:

- **Daniel 9:21-23** - ... Gabriel... being caused to fly swiftly...informed *me*, and talked with me...for thou *art* **greatly beloved**...
- How Daniel viewed himself:
- **Daniel 9:5, 8, 11, 15** - **We have sinned**, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments... <sup>8</sup>we have sinned against thee... <sup>11</sup>we have sinned against him... <sup>15</sup>we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. What is the difference between the “convicting of sin” by God and the “accusing of sin” by the devil?

### God:

- **John 3:17-21** - <sup>17</sup> For God sent **not** his Son into the world to **condemn** the world; but that the world through him might be **saved**. <sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. <sup>21</sup> But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
- **John 8:10-11** - <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? <sup>11</sup> She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**



- Passed from death to life:
- **John 5:24** - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth** on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life**, and **shall not come into condemnation**; but is passed from death unto life.

#### Devil:

- **Revelation 12:10** - And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser** of our brethren is cast down, which **accused** them before our God day and night.
- Accuse - κατηγορέω (*katēgoreō*): vb.
- **accuse, bring charges against** (Mk 3:2; 15:3, 4; Lk 23:2; Jn 5:45; Ac 22:30; 24:2; 25:5; 28:19; Ro 2:15; Rev 12:10; Jn 8:6 v.r.)
- accuso), *I accuse, charge; I prosecute. to be a plaintiff*, i.e. to charge with some offence:—accuse, object

#### Difference:

- The devil's purpose in accusing is to condemn!
- The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin to lead us away from death and condemnation by the grace of God.

#### Example:

- Read: **Zechariah 3:1-7**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_



## 10. Why does Jesus say sin against Him can be forgiven but not sin against the Holy Spirit? Don't Christ and the Spirit intercede for us – what's the difference?

### Jesus:

- 1 Timothy 2:5 - For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
- Hebrews 7:25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

### Holy Spirit:

- **Romans 8:26-27** - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Is there a limit to the strivings of the Holy Spirit?

- **Genesis 6:3** - And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man...
- **Ephesians 4:30** - And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## 12. So what is the unpardonable sin?

- **Acts 24:25** - And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, go thy way for this time; **when I have a convenient season**, I will call for thee.
- **Acts 7:51** - Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do **always resist the Holy Ghost**: as your fathers *did*, so do ye.
- **Hosea 4:17** - Ephraim *is* joined to idols: **let him alone**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Do we have anyone in scripture committing the unpardonable sin?

Judas:

- **John 6:70–71** - Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? <sup>71</sup> He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.
- **John 13:27** - And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Example: Ananias and Saphira

- Read: **Acts 5:1-5, 7-11**

## 14. Have you committed the unpardonable sin?

- 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

