

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“Beyond Redemption Point: The Unpardonable Sin”

Matthew 12:22-32

- I. IT IS A WILLFUL SIN AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF GOD
  - A. Who is the Holy Spirit?
    1. He is the third person of the Godhead
  - B. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?
    1. To the believer He does many things
      - a. He does the work of salvation (John 3:5)
      - b. He does the work of sealing (Ephesians 4:30)
      - c. He does the work of speaking (John 16:13)
    2. To the unbeliever He does one thing
      - a. He wants to draw you or point you to Jesus
      - b. John 15:26, “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me”
- II. IT IS A WILLFUL SIN AGAINST THE TRUTH OF GOD
  - A. There are only two possible sources of supernatural power: God or Satan
    1. The common people said, “This is of God”
    2. The Pharisees said, “This is of Beelzebub”
  - B. The Pharisees knew the truth, but refused to believe
    1. Even Nicodemus said, “No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him” (John 3:2)
    2. The prophet Isaiah said, “they eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing” (Isaiah 35:5-6)
    3. Jesus told His disciples to go tell John the Baptist, “the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised” (Luke 7:22)
- III. IT IS A WILLFUL SIN AGAINST THE CONVICTION OF GOD
  - A. The task of the Holy Spirit is to convict people of sin
    1. John 16:8, “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment to come”
      - a. “Reprove” means to convince or convict
      - b. The Pharisee were convinced and convicted, but not converted
  - B. There are two points in a person’s life, between which you must be saved: a before point and an after point
    1. You cannot be saved before you reach the age of accountability
    2. You cannot be saved after you have committed the unpardonable sin
  - C. No wonder the Bible says to be saved today
    1. 2 Corinthians 6:2, “behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”