

Luke 12:4-12

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Do Not Fear

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

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Do Not Fear

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give
way

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46:1-3

Fear God

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge
in him.

Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

Psalm 34:8-9

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Acknowledge God Publicly

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

Luke 9:23-26

Acknowledge God Publicly

What is blaspheming the Holy Spirit?

²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

³¹ And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. Matthew 12:24, 31-32

Acknowledge God Publicly

Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

Mark 3:28-30

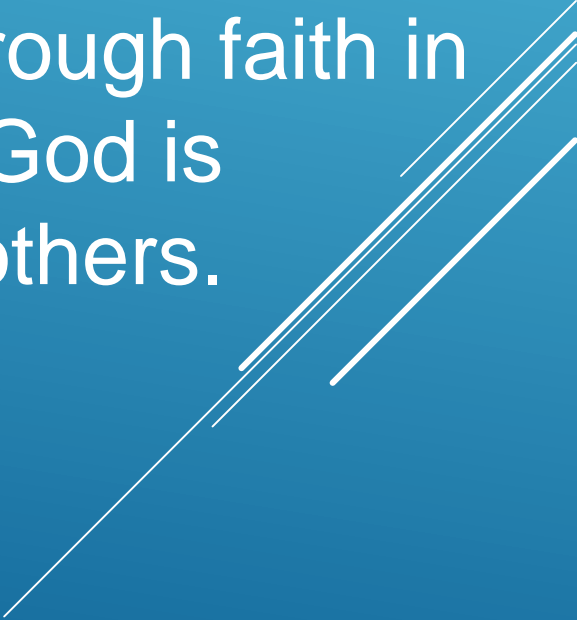
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What is "blaspheming the Holy Spirit?"

It is ascribing to Satan the works done by God (see Matthew 12:24-32).

If I persist in this rejection of Christ, there is no forgiveness, for forgiveness comes through faith in Christ. If I repent and receive Christ, God is gracious and forgives this sin and all others.



Acknowledge God Publicly

*The only unforgivable sin
is to reject God's means of forgiveness,
Jesus Christ.*

*God's means of forgiveness is not an
abstract idea,
it is a person, Jesus Christ.*

Depend on the Holy Spirit to Guide my Words

For those who are led by the Spirit
of God are the children of God.

Romans 8:14

Depend on the Holy Spirit to Guide my Words

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:8

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Choosing Faith over Fear

I write to all the Churches, and impress on them all, that I shall willingly die for God, unless ye hinder me. I beseech of you not to show an unseasonable goodwill towards me. Suffer me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of God.

Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Romans

Choosing Faith over Fear

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:29-30

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