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- The unpardonable sin - Mark 3:28-30
- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit - Matt. 12:31-32
- Sin unto death - 1John 5:16-17
- If you are concerned enough to ask the question, you have not committed the sin unto death
- If you are afraid you may have sinned against the Holy Spirit, you have not sinned against Him

Sins Against The Holy Spirit

- Lying to the Holy Spirit
 - Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit - Acts 5:1-4
 - It cost them their lives - Acts 5:5-10
 - Clearly, sinning against Deity is a serious matter - Rom. 9:1

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- But is it unforgivable?
 - 2Sam. 12:13 - “So David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said to David, The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”
 - 1Tim. 1:13 - “Although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.”

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- Resisting the Holy Spirit
 - Acts 7:51-53 - “You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”
- Resist is antipito. It means literally to fall against; thus, to oppose or fight against.

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- By persecuting and killing the prophets, they were attacking the Holy Spirit's work of revealing the will of God to humankind
 - 2Peter 1:21 - "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

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- Quenching the Holy Spirit
 - 1Thes. 5:19-22 - “Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.”
 - Quench is sbennumi, meaning to extinguish, as in putting out a fire.
 - Despise is exoutheneo, meaning to treat something as contemptible or unimportant

Sins Against The Holy Spirit

- Grieving the Holy Spirit
 - Eph. 4:30 - “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”
- God grieves over our sins
 - Psalms 95:10 - “For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways”

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- Jesus grieves over stubbornness
 - Mark 3:5 - “And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts...”
- Rebellion causes the Holy Spirit to grieve
 - Isa. 63:9-10 - “In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old. 10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.”

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- Insulting the Holy Spirit

- Heb. 10:26-31 - “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. And again, The LORD will judge His people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Sins Against The Holy Spirit

- Insulting is enubrizo, meaning to give insult by acting with contempt
- It is an ancient sin
 - Num. 15:30-31 - “But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.”

Blaspheming The Holy Spirit

- Matt. 12:31-32 - “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.”
- Mark 3:28-30 - “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation -- 30 because they said, He has an unclean spirit”

Blaspheming The Holy Spirit

- Blaspheme is from blasphemia, a compound word of blapto -- to hurt, and phemi -- to speak. To say hurtful, evil, malicious things of another
- Blasphemy is a form of slander where the blasphemer is trying to destroy the reputation and void the influence of another.
- It expresses the concept of lies that are purposely told by one who fully knows that they are lies

Context of Blaspheming the Holy Spirit

- Jesus had healed a demon-possessed man - Matt. 12:22
- As a result, people realized that Jesus is the Messiah - Matt. 12:23
- The Pharisees could not allow that to happen, so they told the people a deliberately slanderous lie about Jesus - Matt. 12:24

Context of Blaspheming the Holy Spirit

- Jesus exposed the lie and warned that while they had blasphemed Him, there was still a chance for them to change before the coming kingdom - Matt. 12:30-32, 25-29
- But if they slander the Holy Spirit and His work, there is no other way to be saved.

“Have I Blasphemed the Holy Spirit?”

- The problem is that these arrogant blasphemers have no respect for the truth revealed by the Holy Spirit. They will consistently reject the only message that can save them, and therefore will never repent.
- Have you blasphemed the Holy Spirit? Have you knowingly, maliciously tried to destroy the Holy Spirit’s work?
- If your heart is afraid that you might have done this, and you want to repent if you have done this, then you have not blasphemed the Holy Spirit.

The Sin Unto Death

- 1John 5:16-17 - “If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.”

The Sin Unto Death

- God desires all men to be saved
 - 1Tim. 2:3-4 - “...God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”
 - 2Peter 3:9 - “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
 - Ez. 18:23 - “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord GOD, and not that he should turn from his ways and live?”

The Sin Unto Death

- Jesus blood has the power to remove every sin
 - 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - 1John 2:1-2 - “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

The Sin Unto Death

- Psalm 103:12 - “As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”
- Isa. 38:17 - “...You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.”
- Rev. 1:5 - “...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”

The Sin Unto Death

- The Holy Spirit communicated the Gospel which is God's power to save everyone
 - Rom. 1:16 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

The Sin Unto Death

- God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit desires that all humankind be saved from their sins and enter heaven
- However, God cannot save one who does not want to be saved; the blood of Jesus cannot cleanse un-repentent sins

The Sin Unto Death

- What sins can be forgiven? Every sin that one repents
- What sin cannot be forgiven? Every sin that one refuses to repent
- A sin that doesn't lead to death is a sin committed by someone who has the capacity to repent and does so
- A sin that does lead to death is committed by someone who is reprobate, who has degenerated to the point where he is incapable of feeling remorse and repenting of his sins
- Be careful not to risk becoming reprobate by staying in sin until you lose your tender heart; you will commit a sin that leads to death