

Message #44

Matthew 12:30-37

When it comes to the matter of one's relationship with God, the matter comes down to Jesus Christ.

ONE IS JUSTIFIED BY ONE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST—EITHER FOR HIM OR AGAINST HIM—AND THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST IS DETERMINED BY ONE'S WORDS ABOUT CHRIST.

Verse 30 sets the context for the entire discussion; one is either with Christ or against Christ. You either believe in Jesus Christ—who He is and what He accomplished—or you don't.

KEY TRUTH #1 – Any sin, including blasphemy, will be forgiven. **12:31-32**

Now I want to point out the first part of the verse “any sin” shall be forgiven. Think about the ramifications of this. Any sin one has ever committed, any violation against God, any trespass against God's Word shall be forgiven by faith in Jesus Christ. This includes blasphemy against Christ. If one spoke a word against Christ, if one took God's name in vain, it can be forgiven. Any sin of immorality, greed, lying, stealing, jealousy or cursing can be forgiven.

The only way to tap into this forgiveness is by faith in Jesus Christ.

KEY TRUTH #2 – The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.
12:31-32

There have been people who have been involved in some sin who have greatly despaired over this concept thinking forgiveness is impossible. Years ago, it was taught that believers who sin willfully with their eyes wide open are guilty of committing this sin. However, in this Church Age of grace, once the Holy Spirit indwells a person He never leaves him. He may be quenched or grieved, but He will never leave.

The actual sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit cannot be committed today. This specific sin was a sin that could only be committed when Jesus Christ was here one earth. Christ had to physically be on earth performing miracles and one had to say that He was doing those miracles by the power of Satan.

The Holy Spirit today convicts a person to believe on Jesus Christ. **The only sin which will not be forgiven today is if a person refuses to believe on Christ.** That will be the sin that will send a person to hell. God will forgive any sin except this one.

KEY TRUTH #3 – Make a decision concerning Jesus Christ, either good or bad. **12:33**

Christ was calling Israel to make a choice. It was time to either choose that which is good or that which is evil.

The idea is you either make or cause yourself to be good or bad in God's sight by your relationship to Jesus Christ and whatever you choose to do will be seen and known by your fruit.

KEY TRUTH #4 – A person's speech about Jesus Christ will show what is in the heart.
12:34-35

It is impossible for a religious viper or snake to testify of the glorious truths about Jesus Christ. The scribes and Pharisees (v. 38) were not about to tell the people of Israel that Jesus Christ was, in fact, the Messiah.

They were incapable of promoting truth about Jesus Christ. But the treasure in one's heart eventually comes out through the mouth. If one treasures Jesus Christ, you will soon see it and hear it.

If a person does not treasure Jesus Christ, that will also be seen.

KEY TRUTH #5 – A person's speech about Jesus Christ will either prove justification or condemnation. **12:36-37**

The noun "words" of **verse 37** contain an article "the." The specific words Jesus is referring to would be the words Israel's leaders spoke of Him. Those words would either show they were justified or condemned.

The word "careless" (**v. 36**) speaks of worthless, ineffective words about justification. These are not words about baseball or football; these words are careless, useless words pertaining to how one is justified.

Practical Thoughts:

- 1. Any sin one has ever committed will be fully forgiven in Jesus Christ.**
- 2. The determining factor of not being forgiven is believing or not believing in Jesus Christ.**
- 3. What one really believes about justification will eventually be heard in a person's speech.**