

FOLLOW – Blasphemy, Forgiveness Eternal what...?

Mark 3:20-30

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The question of whether someone has committed the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit has caused many to wonder and doubt God's work in their lives. However, to fear whether you have committed the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is to know you have not. The reality of your question demonstrates the presence and work of God in your life. The struggle to trust and believe when doubt arises is the daily struggle of following Jesus.

- **Heart & work of God**

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Col 2:15, 1 John 3:8, Heb 2:14 – offered up his life and destroyed the works of the enemy

Acts 9 – to reach those who many consider well beyond reach

- **The enemies schemes**

The enemy wants us to live with anger, shame, fear, unforgiveness, despair, bitterness, jealousy, misaligned values and priorities...

John 8:44 Father of lies, confusion, deception

James 1 & Galatians 5:19-21 tempts us to live apart from God i.e destructive habits, misguided values, selfish, angry, vengeful, greedy etc.

Revelation 12:10 Accuses us before God as being unworthy of his love and work in our life.

- **Our role –**

Our role as followers is to believe in the work and grace of Jesus. To live in his presence and the power of the Spirit – to trust his promises as the enemy tries to discourage, confuse and derail us.

Romans 7,8 – acknowledge the struggle, know God's grace, trust his promises and walk in the power of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-26 – keep in step with the spirit – be empowered by the Spirit

Colossians 3 – set our minds on things of God, discard your old ways of living and clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility etc.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – as the enemy tries to confuse and derail you, take the thoughts and put them up against the work, grace, and promises of Who God is, what he has done, who you are in him

*** *could be said every week* ***

Follow Jesus and his ways, invite him into your moments/hours/ days – your life.
Discover who he is, what he's done, what he's doing and what he's going to do.
When we begin to discover these truths, we can follow and trust him in all things.



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Title: Blasphemy, Forgiveness & Eternal what...?

Primary Passage: Mark 3:20-30

GOING DEEPER Questions: consider these with others, at coffee, in your group.

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What about the good news and God's offer is bringing you hope and encouragement in this current season? (The offer of freedom, hope, renewed priority and reason, joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness....)

Do you find it easy to write people off?

Do you have someone close to you that you have thought was beyond hope? Why is that?

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Can you see how awareness of his role in the daily struggle would be helpful?

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In what ways is it becoming more 'you' to believe in the work and grace of Jesus.

Are there things you have been able to entrust more fully to his care?

The struggle is real. What makes it hard to live in his presence and the power of the Spirit?

Distractions or doubts, or...?

What have you discovered that makes it easier to trust his promises? (or is this just a real struggle?)

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Take time this week to consider how you might more fully;

-follow Jesus & his ways, invite him into your moments/hours/ days – your life.

-discover who he is, what he's done, what he's doing and what he's going to do.

*Talk with someone about what you are discovering.

