



The Sin that Leads to Death (1 John 5:14-21)

See the Comprehensive Resource on KEM Website: [Understanding the Sin that Leads to Death](#)

The Scripture that No One Wants to Preach About

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☒ **Ask, but how? According to His will!**

- ☒ Notice the subtle but critical condition of asking but only “according to Yahweh’s will!” It is only then that He hears our prayers. If we are certain of His will, then we can be certain that He will grant our petitions. This then presents what we must consider the most important aspect of prayer: Preparation! If you do not know God’s will, then how can you be certain you are asking for something He will hear and grant? We can then conclude the the work of seeking Yahweh’s will is the important work in our life if we are to be confident He will hear and grant our requests.

- ☒ *What are some things you should do to prepare?*

☒ **The Will of God**

- ☒ See Romans 12:1-2 about not being conformed to the world and giving our entire life as a sacrifice to God. That is His perfect will.
- ☒ See I John 2:15-17 about not loving the world or the things in the world and how that is the will of God.
- ☒ See Romans 2:17-19 where it teaches us that there is an advantage to knowing God’s Law. The “Jew”, who

knows God's law could boast in God because he "knows His will." It goes on to say that by knowing the law they could approve the things that are excellent and could be confident that they could guide the blind from light to darkness.

☑ **Ask Believing**

- ☑ See James 1:6-7 where we learn that whatever we ask for, we must asking believing, otherwise we are double-minded and unstable.

☑ **Understanding and Honoring Your Wife**

- ☑ Peter teaches us that if we are not living in peace and understanding with our wives, honoring them as the more sensitive side of us, husbands ought to know that their prayers will be hindered—I Peter 3:7

☑ **Fervent and Effective Prayers**

- ☑ James teaches that it is the inspired prayers of a righteous man that will be effective and only after he has confessed and repented from his sins—James 5:16

☑ **Seek, Ask, Knock**

- ☑ All over the New Testament you see Y'shua instruct us to seek, ask, and knock. Ask and you will receive, we are taught. Now you know why you must seek before you ask, in a sense. You must seek Yahweh's will and then

ask for that will to be done. “Your will be done” is the quintessential piece of the Lord’s Prayer. Oftentimes that requires wrestling with God, which may take you on a journey in which you must look behind many doors to find the answer.

☑ Asking Amiss!

- ☑ James also teaches us of the importance of asking. He says you don’t have what you need because you don’t ask. But even more revealing is that you won’t have what you ask for when you have selfish desires that are motivating your requests—James 4:2-3

- ☑ *“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. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.”** | John 5:16-17 NKJV*

☑ Yahweh’s will that we SHOULD pray for...

- ☑ Faithfully ask for the life of a brother who has sinned. And let’s be clear, all unrighteousness is sin. Do so and God will give him life. This is God’s will, so we can be confident when we pray as such.

☑ **Yahweh's will that we SHOULD NOT pray for...**

☑ Now it gets more difficult to digest. It becomes clear that there is a type of sin that cannot be forgiven. It always leads to death. John calls this "the sin leading to death." This is a hard pill to swallow and it takes much exploring to understand.

☑ This sin is referred to elsewhere as the "Unpardonable Sin" or the "Unforgivable Sin" or "Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit" or "Grieving the Holy Spirit"

☑ Again I want to invite you to study the **Comprehensive Resource on KEM Website:** [Understanding the Sin that Leads to Death](#)

☑ **A Basic Understanding of the sin that CANNOT be forgiven...**

☑ I have found over the years that once you grasp this next concept it becomes much easier to understand how a sin could exist that Yahweh will never forgive. I won't use space in the notes here to investigate all the details of such, or even how a person might arrive at this place. The resource guide has it all. Instead I will introduce this basic, but critical piece...

☑ **There is no sin too big, too egregious, too powerful, or too horrible that Yahweh cannot forgive it!**

- ☑ You see, the sin that leads to death is not limited to God's side of the equation. The only sin that can never be forgiven is the sin that cannot be repented of! That is the human side of the equation. It is possible for a man to reach a point in his sin life at which he is NO LONGER capable of repenting. His conscience is seared and he has lost, forever, all capability to ever care that he has sinned.
- ☑ Now, on one hand that is a horrifying thought to consider and very scary. On the other hand, you can be confident that you have not done so, simply because you care that you sinned. As long as you care, even if it remains nearly impossible in your mind to stop sinning, as long as you care, you are capable of repenting. And there is no sin too big, too egregious, too powerful, or too horrible that Yahweh cannot forgive it!

The Other Scripture that No One Wants to Preach About

"We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may

know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." I John 5:18-21 NKJV

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☑ Does not sin?

☑ No doubt we were sinners saved by grace. And no doubt the church has propagated the theology that sin is the ever-present boogie man with which we must contend. Yet, I believe there is a better viewpoint from which we can see our high calling. We "were" sinners and "now" we are saints.

☑ All through the New Testament we are empowered by grace to live like Y'shua. We are even told in Ephesians 1:15-23 that present within us is the very power that raised Christ from the grave. If we have that power in us, and we are told not to sin, then let's go ahead and believe that we can indeed "do all things through Christ who gives us strength." Philippians 4:13

☑ Yes, it's a journey. And yes, we can stumble. And yes, no matter how bad or how often we do, grace will rise to meet us. But then again, Paul is clear that grace is NEVER to be considered an excuse to sin. "Let it not be!" is his proclamation. See Romans 5:20-21; 6:1-2, 15

☑ Purposeful Sin

☑ There is a stark difference between sinning in weakness and sinning in rebellion. Again, refer to the resource guide. But, let me say this here. Sinning in rebellion is such that you sin on purpose, and consciously knowing you are doing so, you at the same time insist and believe that Yahweh will bless you anyway. BE CAREFUL!

☑ *"We know that we are of God, and **the whole world** lies under the sway of the wicked one."* I John 5:19 NKJV

☑ Two Worlds

☑ **God's World:** "For God **so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV

☑ **The Wicked One's World:** "**Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the

lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life —is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” I John 2:15-17 NKJV

☑ *“And we know that the Son of God has come and has **given us an understanding**, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” I John 5:20 NKJV*

☑ **Two excellent scripture references about Yahweh giving us understanding!**

☑ What is available for you?

☑ **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened**

☑ “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and **what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward**

us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:15-23 NKJV

☑ **Christ Crucified**

- ☑ I Corinthians 2:1-5 shows us this simple reality! For the unbeliever there is no understanding! The only message to them is that Y'shua died for them. Then get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit do the work.

☑ **The Deep things of God and the Mind of Christ!**

- ☑ "However, **we speak wisdom among those who are mature**, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the

Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:6-16 NKJV

☑ *“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” 1 John 5:21 NKJV*

☑ **Let me reference this one area of scripture in the Old Testament that alludes the the Unpardonable Sin, and it has everything to do with IDOLS!**

☑ What happens if you follow the dictates of your own heart and go after other gods?

☑ **“The LORD would not spare him;** for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, **and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven.** And the LORD would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law,” Deuteronomy 29:20-21 NKJV

☑ What precedes this abomination in verse 18 is the warning to **not turn your heart toward the worship of foreign gods** which is the equivalent of swallowing a deadly poison; what follows in verse 20 is WHY the poison results in death.

☑ **The NIV says it this way:** *“The Lord **will never be willing to forgive them;** his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall*

on them, and the Lord ***will blot out their names from under heaven.***” Deuteronomy 29:20 NIV

☑ **There is a great section about the danger in going after false Gods in this teaching...**

☑ [Hula-Hoops & Yo-Yos](#)

NEXT WEEK

Many Deceivers (2 John)