
BIBLE TALK

This the question is: **What sins will not cause people to be lost?**

Many people think they can sin and "get away with it." Men sometimes cheat on their wives thinking "no one will know." Wives sometimes cheat on their husbands and think "what he doesn't know won't hurt him." They think they're getting away with something. Young people often do things secretly thinking that if no one knows about it, they've gotten away with it.

But according to the Bible there is a Judgment Day coming in which all people will have to answer for the things they have done.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

14 For God will bring **every work** into judgment, Including **every secret thing**, Whether good or evil.

If God will bring "every work" into judgment, then there is little chance that we can get away with anything. There would appear to be no sin which we can commit without answering for it one day. Moses put it like this:

Numbers 32:23

23 "... be sure your sin will find you out.

Nothing committed in secret will go unnoticed by God. He sees everything:

Hebrews 4:13

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Proverbs 15:3

3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Yet, in spite of all these passages, there are still some sins which will not cause people to be lost. Notice carefully:

Ezekiel 18:20-23

20 "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

21 "But **if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.**

22 "None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live.

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 point of this passage is: **Any sin which is forgiven will not cause a man to be lost.** However, for the sin to be forgiven, this passage says one must:

- Turn from all his sins which he has committed
- Keep all God's commands and
- Do what is lawful and right

In other words, one must repent and begin doing what God has taught. Jesus Himself said the same thing:

Matthew 28:19-20

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; ...

To become a disciple of Jesus a person must be baptized in water. The reason for baptism is **for the remission of sins** (Acts 2:38). Then Jesus said the disciple must be taught to "observe all things" which He commanded. When a person does these things, his sins will not be remembered against him.

In conclusion, the sins which will not cause people to be lost are sins which are forgiven. Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism are how we receive forgiveness of our past sins. From that point onward we must then obey what the Lord commanded in order to stay saved.

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