

Luke 12: 1-12

(Correspondance with an individual claiming Luke 12:1-12 is a case for the loss of Salvation.) This name is changed to Joe, which is fictitious.

Sorry Joe,

You stated in your last post : "I have made no case against eternal security. I simply cited two scriptures that clearly contradict this doctrine. The authors of Hebrews and 2 Peter plainly describe individuals who have professed Jesus, received the gift of the Holy Spirit, renounced their faith, and returned to a life of sin. These individuals have lost their salvation as a result of their willful rebellion against God."

This is completely **FALSE** and a case of not rightly handling the word of truth. In your posts numbered 1-3, points 2 and 3 are totally false. Let's only address point two right now.

You state: "2. In Luke 12:1-12 it is an unforgiveable sin to deny Jesus in the face of persecution when God has promised that his Spirit will give us the words to defend ourselves."

Luke 12:1-3

1 ¶ Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "**Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**

2 "But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

3 "Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

This is just a simple case of not understanding the context. This is very difficult to draw the conclusions you do. Verses 1-3 are cautioning against the hypocrisy of false teachings and for us not to be drawn in by those who pervert the truth of God. Nothing is hidden from God and all will be "washed out" at the appropriate time. Any false understanding is a perversion of truth.

Luke 12:4

"I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.

Jesus tells us in verse 4 not to even fear death if threatened by death to accept a falsehood. This is a call to standing firm in the Lord, even if it means death. I believe you are stating that if a person confronted with death, cracks, he forfeits his salvation because this is an UNFORGIVABLE sin? If so, you are half right. This is indeed a sin, but not unforgivable. You have no basis to teach this as a loss of Salvation as I will demonstrate to you as we move forward through the texts. Let's continue.

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Luke 12:5

"But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

Verse 5 is contrasting that we should fear God, not man. God, not man, is the only being in the universe that has to right, power and authority to sentence a man to eternal death ... Gehenna or Geenna, symbolically referred to as the lake of fire. Jesus is illustrating where the true power of death lies, with God ... not man. Man can only destroy the body and that's it. For Jesus was speaking to carnal men, those who do not have the Holy Spirit of God. None of the people being addressed here were saved individuals, at least not yet. The Holy Spirit was not yet available and no one here has received salvation ... only the *call* to salvation. This is an essential point to understand ... This message is to THE UNSAVED.

Luke 12:6

"Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? [Yet] not one of them is forgotten before God.

Let's continue. Verse 6 Jesus clearly explains just how important man is to God by illustrating that the death of birds that are not of value to men are of great value to God for no life is un-noticed by God. Jesus is establishing a great contrast that exists between God and man. In fact, in verse 7 Jesus goes on to illustrate a point that even the environmentalist wacko's (someone who'll build an entire theological dissertation on salvation through the "we care for the birds" type) can not dispute.

Luke 12:7

"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **Do not fear**; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

Jesus saw them coming no doubt (worship the creation and despise and deny the creator group) Jesus further reinforces this in verse 7 by illustrating a point that no human is capable of doing (except maybe for the follicly challenged) ... counting the number of hairs on a human head. Wow ... is our God intimately familiar with us or what! Jesus now combines and ties the two concepts together to illustrate the POWER and LOVE of God toward us. AWESOME GOD!!!! i know who I worship ... and why.

Luke 12:8

"And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God;

Let's continue. Verse 8 Jesus states ... Whoever ACCEPTS the call "TO" salvation, not yet saved but being brought in to the reasons WHY we SHOULD ACCEPT Salvation by CONFESSING God in public (alter call most common) that JESUS HIMSELF will confess to the angels and the whole host of heaven ... YOU JOE by name ... but in verse 9 whoever

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DENIES the CALL "TO" SALVATION will also be denied salvation before the whole host of heaven ... by name!!

Luke 12:9

but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Not a pleasant thought no doubt ... nowhere to hide. Jesus is illustrating the **IMPORTANCE OF WHY WE "SHOULD 'ACCEPT' THE CALL ""TO"" SALVATION.**" Please note this ... it is ESSENTIAL to understand the TRUTH OF GOD. Let's move on.

Luke 12:10

"And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.

Verse 10, denying Jesus WILL BE FORGIVEN but BLASPHEMING the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. Only ONE UNFORGIVABLE SIN, right? Lets move on.

Luke 12:11-12

11 "When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say;

12 **for the Holy Spirit will teach you** in that very hour what you ought to say."

Verse 11-12 even in the midst of persecutions, eviction from the synagogue, or even delivery to the Romans for DEATH it is by the power of the Holy Spirit ... still YET TO COME that will be the source and power to utter that which pleases God. Let's put it this way ... A DEATHBED CONFESSION will save you.

Joe, I am shocked that you being a pastor would teach such rubbish. Your list of unpardonable sins has more pages than a cheap novel. Let's stop misrepresenting the God of Creation and humanity.