

Not The Way It's Supposed to Be: Difficult Questions About Sin

1 John 5:16-17; John 19:11; Matthew 12:31-32

1. To understand sin, we should evaluate if all sins are equal (John 19:11)

- a. All sins are "equal" in the sense that all sins are violations of God's commands (James 2:10)
- b. Jesus affirms gradations of sin (John 19:11)
- c. There are gradations of judgments for sin (Matthew 10:15; Luke 12:47-48; James 3:1)
- d. Sins done willfully, rebelliously are not evaluated the same as those that are done in ignorance or weakness (John 19:11; Hebrews 10:26-31; Numbers 15:27-30; Ezekiel 8:6)

2. To understand sin, we should investigate "the sin unto death" (1 John 5:16-17)

- a. It is possible that rebellious sin as a Christian could lead to one's death (ex. Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:30-32)
- b. It is more likely, that "the sin unto death" is willful, rebellious sin expressed by one who has heard the message of Christianity (1 John 2:19) leading toward their eternal death. While Christians *can* pray for those in flagrant, open sin, the *obligation* for Christians is to pray for fellow Christians attempting to live faithfully even though "not sinning unto death."

3. To understand sin, we should define the unpardonable sin (Matthew 12:31-32)

- a. The unpardonable sin is not suicide
- b. The unpardonable sin includes (1) a clear knowledge of who Jesus Christ is and of the power of the Holy Spirit working through Jesus, (2) a willful rejection of the facts about Christ that his opponents knew to be true, and (3) slanderously attributing the work of the Holy Spirit in Christ to the power of Satan.
- c. While it is true that all who die in unbelief will face judgment. The unpardonable sin seems to be a grievous, willful rejection of Jesus that hardens one's heart so absolutely before death that the person reaches a point of incapacity to respond to God.

The Proclaimer

Announcements

New Members Class

There will be a New Members Class on Saturday, November 12th at 9:00am, in Room 201. Please call the church office (434-352-2336) by November 9th to sign up.

Fireside Faith Youth Event

On Friday, November 11th from 6:30 to 9:30pm, join us for our Fireside Faith Youth event hosted at the home of Tommy and Valerie Brooks. Bring the whole family! Register online at www.libertybconline.org.

Ladies of Liberty - Peaks of Otter Trip

Saturday, November 12th at 8:30am, the Ladies of Liberty will be leaving for a trip to the Peaks of Otter. Register online at libertybconline.org.

Trail Life Woodlands - Sailor's Creek Battlefield Trip

The Woodlands Unit of Troop VA-1709 will take part in a trip to Sailor's Creek Battlefield on Saturday, November 12th at 9:00am. To sign up, please contact Tim Webb at (434) 841-0114 or by email at lbctrailifeusa@gmail.com.

Youth Night of Worship

On Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00pm, there will be a Night of Worship in the Ministry Center. The Liberty University worship students under the leadership of Mady Kohl, will be leading the worship. All are invited to attend.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 20th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The Proposed Budget for 2023 will be presented, as well as the 2022-2023 Member Ministry Handbook.

Lottie Waddle Turkey Trot

The Lottie Waddle Turkey Trot is a walk/run 5K held at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day. There is an entry fee of \$10 per individual, or \$20 per family, that goes towards reaching our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Registration will take place in the Ministry Center from 8:00-8:45am, with the Turkey Trot starting at 9:00am. To register and pay the fee, go to: <https://lottie-waddle-liberty-baptist-church-appomattox.pushpayevents.com/>

Children's Nutrition Ministry - Adopt a Student

We are looking for 100 people to adopt a student and provide \$250 between now and April to offset the cost of weekly food bags. To donate, select "Children's Nutrition Ministry" fund at tinyurl.com/LBCNutritionDonation.

Harvest Day Offering

Goal \$50,000

To Date \$20,484

This Week At Liberty

Sunday, November 6

- 8:30 am Early Morning Kid's Church
- 8:30 am Early Sunday School
- 9:00 am Hispanic Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 am Early Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service - Ministry Center
- 11:00 am LBC Kids / Children's Church
- 5:00 pm KIDSing & Cherub Choir
- 6:00 pm Awana
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 8

- 1:30 pm WMU Pearl Mitchell Circle - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Trail Life - Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm WMU Brenda Bryant Doss Circle - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Focus Prayer and Worship - Fidelis Room

Wednesday, November 9

- 6:00 pm Prayer Group - Fidelis Room
- 6:30 pm Women's Prayer Meeting - Room 202
- 6:30 pm Youth Wednesday Night - Ministry Center

Thursday, November 10

- 6:30 pm Women's Hope Group - Ministry Center - Room 209
- 6:30 pm Men's Hope Group - Parsonage

Friday, November 11

- 3:30 pm Mom's Club OCC Packing - Ministry Center
- 6:30 pm Fireside Faith Youth Event - Tommy & Valerie Brooks' Home

Saturday, November 12

- 7:00 am Gideon's Weekly Prayer Meeting - Ministry Center - Room 210
- 8:30 am Ladies of Liberty - Peaks of Otter Trip
- 9:00 am New Members Class - Room 201

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Vital Signs

October 30

Sunday School	318
Worship	472

Online Giving

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