

## Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Young Life • Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Island Gospel Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Creation Ministries International • Herald of Hope
- Sri Lankan Fellowship • Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church
- Matthew Khanzadeh with his ministry into Afghanistan and Iran

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- CBC Statement of faith
- Links to missions supported
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## Welcome to Capital Bible Church

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in  
the Word of God

## Newsletter – August 2022



*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher  
of our faith*

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

A question that has been asked several times over the past few months is:

### What is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?

In Mark 3:29 Jesus says that “whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.” Matthew’s account adds that even blasphemy against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but not blasphemy against the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 12:31–32](#)). What is this unforgivable sin and why is it associated with the Holy Spirit? Does not the blood of Christ cover every sin?

I have heard many explanations of this sin and almost all say that ultimately it is a sin where they reject Jesus by saying that Jesus was doing the miracles by the power of Beelzebub (Satan) and therefore it was blasphemy against a work of the Holy Spirit. They then often go to say that because Jesus no longer walks the earth doing the miracles that He did on earth, it is not possible for this sin to be repeated once Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead. The difficulty here is with Jesus’ declaring that, “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him” (Matt 12:32). So why is what the Pharisees did not a sin against Jesus, which would allow them to be forgiven? There is never an adequate answer for why it is then specifically a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, that cannot be forgiven, when there is no sin against Jesus that cannot be forgiven. Some say that this sin is ultimately a rejection of Jesus for which everyone who commits it will go to Hell.

The context is that Jesus was teaching the people and did a miracle where Jesus heals a man who was demon-possessed and who was blind and mute (Matt 12:22). The Pharisees were standing with Jesus and declared of Jesus that that, “This *fellow* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” (Matt 12:24) The pharisees were not doubting that a real miracle had taken place; the issue is that they questioned the power at work behind it. More importantly, the Pharisees did not address their arguments to Jesus, but to the crowds in the presence of Jesus. The Pharisees were also responding to the question from the crowd, “Could this be the Son of David?” (Matt 12:23). The Pharisees could not have known by what power Jesus did His miracles; therefore, for the pharisees, it was little more than an educated guess. When Jesus did a miracle, Jesus commanded it, but the Holy Spirit did the work. It wasn’t just the declaration of the Pharisees declaring what Power was actually at work; it was also that they continued to teach the people in the presence of Jesus, contrary to what they knew to be the truth.

The unforgiveable sin is where a person has had an unmistakable awareness and revelation of evidence of, and know in their heart, of a beautiful act of God. And contrary to what they know to be the truth, they will, with evil intent, do what they can to fight against what they know to be the truth, and lead and teach others to follow them in their campaign of wanton evil. Can it be committed today? Yes. But if you are concerned about it, it would indicate you definitely have not committed it.

## August 2022, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am	Family Prayer October
	10 am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> speaker: Pete Locke Speaking on Joshua 24:1-25 The Covenant at Shechem
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on Hebrews 1 - 2:4 God Identified with the Son
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on Hebrews 2:5 - 2:18 Christ's Suffering as Redeemer
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Pete Locke Speaking on Hebrews 3 - 4:13 His Glory as Son leading to the promised rest
	7.00pm	Creation Meeting at the church
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Graham Cochrane Speaking on TBA

See also: [www.cbc.asn.au/calendar](http://www.cbc.asn.au/calendar)

\* Saturday & Tuesday Night Bible Studies – See Karl Irving for Details

\* Women’s Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.