

Easter

You Cannot Remove Your Guilt!

Matthew 26-27

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Introduction

- You cannot remove your own guilt.
 - REMOVE ... Putting an issue behind you as if it never happened.
 - FORGIVENESS ... When you have truly repented and have asked God to forgive you of what you have admittedly done wrong. ONLY God can offer forgiveness and therefore, truly REMOVE your guilt.
 - **1 John 1:9**
 - Betray – Paradidomi ... (Para-did-O-me) ... “To violate a faith or a trust that someone has placed in you.”
 - Guilt – Epago ... (E-Pa-go) ... “Deep brokenness because of an act of evil or wrongdoing against God or the innocent.”
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1. Acts of Betrayal:

- a. William Wallace by Robert the Bruce.
- b. Julius Caesar by the Senate and his friend, Brutus.
- c. Jesus by the Chief Priest and Jewish Leaders – **Matthew 26:3-4**
- d. Jesus by Judas Iscariot. – **Matthew 26:14-16**
- e. Jesus by Peter – **Matthew 26:31-35 ... Matthew 26:74**
- f. Jesus by all the disciples – **Matthew 26:56**
- g. Jesus by those who have not responded to the gospel – **Matthew 12:30 ... John 14:15**
- h. Jesus by those who are saved – But how do we do that?
 - i. Worship
 - ii. Lifestyle
 - iii. Language
- i. Do you find it easy to:
 - i. Not gather with the saints
 - ii. Not study
 - iii. Not defend the Word of God
 - iv. Gossip
 - v. Use foul language
 - vi. Not think much about Jesus until maybe Sunday
 - vii. Never challenge your own growth
- j. Have you ever broken a promise to God?
- k. Have you ever made a deal and broke it?
- l. We are all guilty of these things.
- m. Only God can remove the guilt of our betrayal.

2. Consequences of Betrayal:

- a. Satan loves to try to keep us trapped in our guilt.
- b. When we chose to hold on to our guilt, it will do great damage to us.
- c. As we get deeper into our guilt, we try to justify it by finding fault with God.
- d. Judas could not remove his guilt for what he did to Jesus, but he tried. – **Matthew 27:3-4**
- e. Greek - **Metamelomai** ... English – Remorse ... “To change your mind.”
- f. Remember Peter – **Luke 22:60-62**
- g. Greek ... **Pikros** ... English - Bitterly ... “With deep mental and emotional anguish ... broken.”

3. Indescribable Love:

- a. I said it last week, and here it is again: The Love of God.
- b. **Romans 5:8**
- c. Words to chorus of “*Via Dolorosa*” by Sandy Patty
- d. As Jesus carried the cross ... Your guilt, my guilt ... OUR guilt was upon Him.
- e. Why? ... Because we cannot remove our guilt.
- f. Only Jesus could do that.