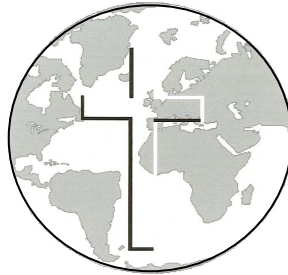


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THE SIN THAT CANNOT BE FORGIVEN

Many people ask when they are reading the words of Jesus Christ, addressing the Pharisees. "Wherefore, I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And, whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." (Matthew 12:31-32), the question is, "What is this sin that cannot be and will not be forgiven?"

Before we can understand what sin that cannot be forgiven, let's address the issue of the sins that the Lord will forgive. Followed, almost always, with discipline, as the Lord will not let his children stay living in sin without discipline so that they can go back to Him.

Moses was forgiven for the sin of killing, David was forgiven for committing adultery, Abraham and Isaac were forgiven for lying and not speaking the truth, Jacob was forgiven for stealing, etc. So, it is clear that the Lord will forgive all sins but one, "speaking against the Holy Ghost."

The Lord explains. "Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, it is for your benefit that I go away, because if I do not go away, the comforter will not come to you, if I depart, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness and judgment." (John 16:7-9).

The Lord continues, "about sin, because they do not believe in Me, about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me, and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged." (John 16:10-11).

The Lord is making it clear that when the Holy Spirit comes, his major action will be to reprove and convict the world of the sin of not believing in Him. Not believing of His redemption he did on the cross.

When the Holy Spirit reproves and convicts the sinner for his sins, he shows him the way to salvation offered by Christ and Christ alone, making it very clear that Christ is the way, the truth and the life, the only way for salvation. Stated very clearly by Paul, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no name under Heaven given to people by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH YOUR MONEY?



This past November, United People in Christ celebrated its 14th Birthday, helping Our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

Since its inception in 1998 your donations have totaled \$391,920.07 as of December 30, 2012, of which we have distributed \$ 362,428.27 to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ living in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. We continue to spend less than 10% of your donations on administrative operations. Your donations for year ending December 31, 2012 totaled \$34,905.00.

At this time, I want to thank the United People in Christ Board members who continue to donate their time, money and talent to help me through the years. I want to give, however, special thanks to YOU, each and everyone of you who donated money through The year, helping us to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. I want to thank a very special couple, Esther and Jonathan Phelps who continue to donate \$1,000.00 per month to UPIC and has done so faithfully for many years. May the Lord Bless them both and their family and give them of his abundance.

The distribution of funds in 2012 were as follows:

EGYPT:		
	Via Coptic Care, Bishop Tadros	\$3,000.00
	Via Christian Humanity Aid Organization	\$5,000.00
	Via Coptic Care	\$2,000.00
	Via H.O.P.E.	\$2,000.00
	Via Coptic Orphans	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 12,500.00
IRAQ:		
	Via St. Peter & Paul Good Samaritan Relief Fund	
	Father Edward Hanna	\$1,000.00
	Via St. Thomas the Apostle Church	
	Bishop Ibrahim Ibrahim	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,000.00
ISRAEL:		
	Via House of Grace—Haifa	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,000.00
JORDAN		
	Via Global Hope	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,500.00
LEBANON:		
	Via Convent of our Lady of Kaftoun	\$3,000.00
	Via Convent of our Lady of Besheri	\$2,000.00
	Via LoNet3E	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$9,000.00
PALESTINE (WEST BANK):		
	Via Bethlehem Association	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$5,000.00
SYRIA:		
	Via St. Peter & Paul Good Samaritan Relief	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
	Fund, Father Edward Hanna	
	TOTAL	\$16,000.00
SOUTH SUDAN:		
	Via Coptic Care	\$2,000.00
	Via the Voice of the Martyrs	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,000.00
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2012 -	\$54,000.00

**UNITED PEOPLE IN CHRIST, INC.
2013 SPRING**

PICNIC

**TO BENEFIT NEEDY CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE
EAST**

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013 FROM 1:30 PM TO 6 PM

WHERE: SANDLANDO PARK

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Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

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I am indebted to Janet Williamson for the preparation and editing of this Newsletter

YOU CAN NOW READ THIS UPIC NEWSLETTER AND OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS BY VISITING OUR NEW WEBSITE:

The UPIC 2012 Fundraising Picnic generated \$3,005.00.

The UPIC October 2012 Fundraising Dinner generated \$5,365.00.

The Picnic food was donated by Marseil & Hanna Layous and Amer Bitar. The food for the October dinner was catered and donated by Bassam Georgi of the Black Angus Steak House in Lake Buena Vista.

Blessing to all who helped and attended and made these events a success.

**UNITED PEOPLE IN CHRIST
 SPRING PICNIC
 SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013 1:30 P.M. SANLANDO PARK, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS**

TICKET ORDER FORM: Name _____ Phone: _____
 Address _____

Enter number of Adult Tickets: _____ @ \$15.00 ea = _____ (\$20.00 at gate)

Enter number of Child Tickets: _____ @ \$ 8.00 ea = _____ (\$10.00 at gate)

Easter donation to UPIC Mission _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Send TOTAL amount to United People in Christ at 789 Douglas Avenue, Suite 137, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

Tickets will be mailed to your address above. ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 18, 2013.**

We have a special need: If you have any items that you could donate for our auction and raffle, **please check this box ()** and we will contact you. All donations are tax deductible. UPIC thanks those who have already donated such items as wine sets, gift certificates, painting and other treasures. For more information call Dr. Habib at 407-862-0107.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christ is the only intercessor between us sinners and the Lord stated by Paul, "If we sin we have an intercessor with the Lord, the Father," he said one intercessor, not many.

Paul asked, in the book of Hebrews, how a man can be saved if he ignored what the Lord has offered on the cross, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation." (Hebrew 2:3). The Apostle John summarized the whole scene, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but the world through Him might be saved. He that believes on Him is not condemned, but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.:" (John 3:16-18).

To put it simply, regardless of how many sins you commit, repent and these sins will be forgiven, but I beg you not to commit the unforgivable sin, by denying or refusing to accept the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. It is through faith and the work of Jesus Christ, and not by one's own works that one is saved. (Roman 3:21-28 and also Roman 4:1-8). Jesus has redeemed us from the law by dying for us on the cross. "He, who knew no sin was punished for our sins." (Galatians 3:11-14). Please accept the gift of salvation offered by Jesus Christ on the cross, should you refuse, your action will not be forgiven in this life or the one after.

I remind you, finally, of what the Spirit wrote in the book of Proverbs. "How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mocker and fools hate knowledge? If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. But, since you rejected Me, when I called, and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh at your disaster, I will mock when calamity overtakes you, like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you." (Proverbs 1:22-27).

Wishing each and everyone of you a very blessed 2013 Resurrection.

Amid Habib, M.D, F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY IN SYRIA, IRAQ, EGYPT, SOUTH SUDAN AND THE WEST BANK ARE NOT ONLY ENDURING PERSECUTION, BUT ALSO A VERY HARD AND HARSH ECONOMICAL TIME. THIS EASTER SEASON, I AM ASKING YOU TO HELP US, IN HELPING THEM, BY SENDING YOUR GENEROUS TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS IN THE SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON OUR ADVISORY BOARD. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL DR. HABIB, AT 407-862-0107.



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UPIC Picnic and Annual Banquet

The Spring UPIC Picnic

will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 1:30 P.M.

SanLando Park, Altamonte Springs, FL

PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR TICKETS!

The Fall UPIC Banquet

Will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2013

Location to be announced later.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds from the UPIC picnics and banquets will go to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. We are no longer, unfortunately, accepting any used clothing, shoes, household items, furniture etc. to ship to our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East, due to objections by these countries governments. If you have any items, gift certificates that you would like to donate to be auctioned or given as door or raffle prizes at our picnic or banquet, please contact Dr. Habib's office at 407-862-0107.