

- I. Introduction.**
 - A. Fanny Crosby wrote songs like “Blessed Assurance” because she had blessed assurance in Jesus.**
 - B. She understood that what happens inside us is more important than what happens to us and/or around us.**
 - C. Regardless of our circumstances and struggles, we can choose to be joyful because of what we have in Jesus.**
- II. Three Things We Can Be Sure Of.**
 - A. Jesus gives us life (v.13).**
 - 1. When you accept Christ you get a life – eternal life (this is a quantity and quality of life).**
 - 2. Jesus calls it the full life (see John 10:10).**
 - B. Jesus meets our needs (v.14,15 and Matt. 7:7,8).**
 - 1. If we seek his will and live for him, Jesus will make sure that we have everything we need (Matt. 6:33).**
 - 2. God doesn’t give us all things; he gives us good things (see Matt. 7:9-11).**
 - C. Jesus forgives our sin (v.16,17).**
 - 1. Almost all sin can and will be forgiven.**
 - 2. Only those who repent and confess their sin to God will be forgiven (see 1 John 1:9).**
- III. The Unpardonable Sin.**
 - A. Certain sin cannot and will not be forgiven; this sin leads to death, i.e., eternal damnation (v.16).**
 - B. According to Jesus the unpardonable sin is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:31).**
 - C. By continuously rejecting the work and witness of the Holy Spirit, by constantly turning away from God’s efforts to draw you to him, you can develop such a hard heart that you can no longer be saved; when this happens you have committed the unpardonable sin.**
 - D. The unpardonable sin is not a particular sinful act; it’s a state one enters – a state of hopeless spiritual blindness – because of persistent unbelief.**
 - E. Only God knows who is and who isn’t in a state of hopeless spiritual blindness.**
 - F. Our job as followers of Jesus is to live a life of joy and peace and share the hope that we have in Christ with all people (see 1 Pet. 3:16,17).**