



## THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

We live in an age where there are many who are looking for their own gratification. They want everything that satisfies instantly, gratifying the flesh with all sorts of pleasure. Examples of this are all around us. We see our children lusting to fulfill all of the lusts of the flesh. They see the soap operas on television portraying a life filled with multiple sexual partners, adultery, fornication, and every other desire imaginable. What the television portrays is a life of sin with no consequences.

I am here to tell you that when you choose to live a life filled with sin there are going to be many who will be affected by your actions. Those who participate in illicit sex will eventually have to face the consequences of their actions.

- Sex
  - Venereal Disease
    - Aids
  - Pregnancy
    - Abortion
    - Responsibility for your offspring
    - Paternity Suits
    - Child rearing
    - Lack of College Education
    - Your parents become involved
  - Lack of Respect
    - Both self respect and respect from

- others
  - Breakdown of family
  - Divorce
  - Separation
- Destructive Activities
  - Drinking Alcoholic Beverages
    - Partying
    - Drunkenness
    - Lack of self control
    - Trouble
  - Tobacco Smoking
    - Nicotine gives a slight buzz in the beginning
    - dependency
    - Heart and Lung Disease
    - Death

All sin involves not only yourself but others around you who care for you. If a pregnancy results from having sexual relationships outside the confines of marriage, both of your lives are affected by your actions. Not only that, but the lives of both of your parents along with the life of the new child.

When viewed at sin from this angle, you see that there are a lot of people who can get hurt from the pleasures of sin for a season. You might enjoy the sin for a short period of time, but the day and the hour will come when the

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actions of your sin will have their toll on not only your life, but the lives of those around you. Some of the people affected you cannot even imagine who they are today.

The Bible tells us that sin will have a temporary pleasurable affect on us. In the end that sin will deceive us and we will see the final results after it is too late to take corrective action.

The reason for the Ten Commandments is so that we may live a life that will benefit not only ourselves, but those around us. When we rebel against God, disobeying his commandments, we end up hurting ourselves along with those around us. The final consequence of sin is death. It is your choice whether to follow the Bible, or to follow the way of the world. Now the media is continually telling you that there is no consequence for sin. You do not have to follow the Ten Commandments and the word of God. If this lie was true, there would not be the abortion business where 50% of the pregnancies are currently being aborted. This I saw on a poster in the subway this past week.

When you live a life filled with sin, you and all those around you will be affected by your actions.

Paul open up his letter to the Romans telling them that the life of sin causes the sinner to become a fool.

### **Romans 1:20-32**

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were

thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that

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they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

This is the world that we see portrayed in the media all of the time. The world derives pleasure from promoting the sin-filled life while sowing the deception that living a life of sin is good. Look at the sex education classes in school where there is little thought given to the consequences. The world promotes a life filled with sin where there are many who will become addicted to that sin, eventually destroying their own life along with the lives of others around them.

While the world professes themselves to be wise, they actually have shown that they have become fools, destroying the lives of all those around them.

There are many who disregard the full text of the Bible, and only want to dwell on love. Paul continues on in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans explaining that because we have been redeemed by grace that we are not to live in sin any longer.

### **Romans 6:1-23**

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified

with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness

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unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now the world would have you to believe that God is a God of love and he understands. The Bible tells us that God is a god of love, but he is also a just God. A God who will judge us according to our works. When we mess up our own lives by choosing to live in sin, consequently messing up the lives of others, we will pay the ultimate price of living in sin. Those around us will become the prosecutor because

their lives were not able to be lived as fully as the Lord originally planned. Can you imagine the ones whose lives were affected by your sin pointing the finger at you? The final wages of sin is death.

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