

Studies in Christianity

Christian Living #5

S#1.

10 Terrible Consequences of Sin

S#2.

Text : **Rom. 6: 1-23**

S#3.

A. Initiating salvation is easy, but it's just the first step of a long challenging road.

1. One must learn the gospel narrative and accept it as truth.
2. He then places his full faith and trust in Jesus as his savior.
3. Believing Jesus to be the risen Son of God, he surrenders his life to HIM.
4. The first act of surrender is to demonstrate one's faith by reenacting the Gospel (death, burial and resurrection) in the act of baptism.

B. Having been born anew, one is freed from the guilt of sin, but not from the desire to sin. (**Rom. 8: 1**)

S#4.

1. **Rom. 6: 23** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life.
 - a. Everyone has a choice ... earn wages and die **or** receive a gift and live.
 - b. When the guilt of sin is removed, one is sanctified, holy, **w/o** condemnation **8:1**
2. Guilt is removed from the new creature, **BUT** the desire to sin is never removed.
 - a. **I Cor. 10: 13** – No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. S#5.
 - b. **Rom. 7: 14f** ... Paul relates his ongoing struggle with sin.
3. People desire to sin because their soul dwells in a temple of flesh.
 - a. **Mark 9: 43-47** ... Jesus warns of the struggle against the flesh. (cut it off)
 - b. The flesh has strong desires which the Christian must overcome.

Eph. 2: 3 – Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. S#6.
 - c. The Apostle admonishes us to develop the self-discipline not to sin.

Gal. 5: 16-17 – But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. **17** For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. S#7.

C. We must win the battle against sin because of the consequences of defeat.

This lesson will observe 10 of the terrible consequences of sin in one's life. S#8.

I. Sin kills the soul of the sinner.**S#9.****A. Remember Adam and Eve ... it is still the same.**

1. They chose their will over God's and sinned.

Gen 3: 3 – God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' **S#10.**

2. After they ate of the forbidden fruit they were still physically alive ... spiritually dead.
3. Their sin had killed their souls, but not their bodies still lived on.

B. Adam and Eve taught us about God's attitude toward punishing sin.

1. **Ezek. 18: 4** – Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.
2. **Ezek. 18: 20** – The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the (ESV) iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son.

* 3. The new birth resurrects the dead soul, but the soul remains in the body of clay.

C. Jesus warned us to fear the eternal consequences of sin.**S#11.**

Luke 12: 4-5 – I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. **5** But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

II. Sin annihilates innocence.**S#12.****A. Immediately after Adam and Eve sinned they realized they were naked.****B. The scriptures encourage us to remain innocent.**

1. **Matt 10:16** – Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. **S#13.**
2. **Rom. 16: 19** – For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.

C. It is best not to know some things. INNOCENCE CAN NEVER BE RESTORED.**III. Sin destroys one's potential.****S#14.****A. Imagine what the world would have been like if Eve had not introduced sin.****B. Marilyn, smartest girl in our H. S. class got pregnant and did not go to college.****C. Bill, the smartest boy in the class was put in jail and never had a decent job.****D. Drugs destroy the future of MANY in the this country.**

IV. Sin destroys one's body.**S#15.**

- A. Many neglect their body to pursue sin. (*no sleep, poor diet, etc.*)
- B. Those addicted drugs and alcohol destroy their bodies.
- C. Sin exposes one to diseases like aids and other STDs.
- D. Our bodies were created to live forever, but sin separated man from the source of life. *WE AWAIT A NEW ETERNAL BODY.*

V. Sin hardens one's heart.**S#16.**

- A. Living in sin changes one's attitude toward self, life and others.
- B. Sin hardens one's heart against the word of God.
 - 1. Sin makes one's heart like the pathway in the parable.
Luke 8: 5 – The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. **S#17.**
 - 2. Ever sin that passes through the heart hardens the pathway.
Heb. 3: 13 – But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- C. The practice of sin will soon calluses over all feelings of guilt. **S#18.**
 - 1. **I Tim. 4: 1-2** – But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, **2** by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
 - 2. People ignore the scriptures and go their own way with no feelings of guilt.
 - 3. We have many denominations because people want what **they** want.

VI. Sin perverts one's mind.**S#19.**

- A. Sin rewrites one's values system. (*accommodate culture*)
 - 1. **Isa. 5: 20** – Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight! **S#20.**
 - 2. It is the nature of man to justify his own actions even when he reverses himself.
I Cor. 10: 7 – Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and stood up to play."

B. Enticing words can make evil sound like good.

1. **Col. 2: 8** – See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. **S#21.**
2. Those who deceive you are often times deceived themselves.
II Tim. 3: 13 – But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. (*Those in Matt. 7:21f felt right*)

VII. Sin wars against one's soul.

S#22.

A. The battle against sin is never won so long as we dwell in flesh.

1. **I Pet. 2: 11** – Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. **S#23.**
2. **Gal. 5: 16-17** – But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. **17** For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

B. This is a battle that pits men against unholy angels. (*Interdimensional war*)

- Eph. 6: 10** – Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **S#24.**
- 11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

C. You may not want to be in a battle, but if you are saved you are in one.

VIII. Sin paralyzes love.

S#25.

A. Love is the foundation of man's relationship with God, with others and himself.

- Matt. 22: 36** – Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" **37** And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all you mind." **38** "This is the great and foremost commandment. **39** The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **40** On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

B. The erosion of love was a problem even in the first century.

1. **Matt. 24: 12** – Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. **13** But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. **S#27.**

2. This was the problem with the church at Ephesus; it had let its love grow cold.

Rev. 2: 4 – 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place — unless you repent.

C. Sin is focused at pleasing self ... love is directed at pleasing others.

IX. Sin postpones God's purpose.

S#28.

A. God has a purpose for each person that He forms.

1. He will point us in the general direction, but we must seek out His will for us.
2. Sin focuses on our will and our quest for self-satisfaction.

B. There are Christians who will go a whole day without a thought of God's purpose for them that day.

S#29.

Rom. 13: 14 – But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

X. Sin leads to more sin.

S#30.

A. A sinful practice starts off as an exception to the rule.

S#31.

1. Christians shows up at a party .. there is alcohol .. they'll just do it once.
2. No one ever set out with a plan to become an alcoholic or drug addict.

B. Most often one lie often leads to another, then another.

1. *One can't tell just one lie ... One lie always leads to another.*
2. 😊 I told one teenage boy he could never be a successful liar because he was not smart enough to remember his web.

CONCLUSION :

A. God's grace is sufficient to forgive any sin of which a Christian repents.

S#32.

Acts 8: 22 – Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

B. **Rom 6: 1-7** ... Grace is not a license to sin

C. God will not turn away a surrendered heart. ... **SURRENDER YOUR HEART**

S#33.

S#34. ... Communion slide

Lesson Text :**Romans 6: 1-23**

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? **2** May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, **6** knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; **7** for he who has died is freed from sin.

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, **9** knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. **10** For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. **11** Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, **13** and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. **14** For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! **16** Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. **19** I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. **22** But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.