

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

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Psalms 39:11

King Jesus died for our sins. He absorbed the punishment that we deserved. King Jesus gave us the opportunity to be forgiven of our sins when He died on the cross.

Whenever you commit a sin we can be forgiven of that sin if we confess them to our Heavenly Father. 1st John 1:9-10 says, *"But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done."*

The confession and forgiveness of sin **DOES NOT** remove the consequences of sin. This is very important to understand. In our current society people have believed that receiving forgiveness is the same as avoiding the consequences of their sins.

This is totally inaccurate. King Jesus died so we can have access to heaven. However, if you **CHOOSE** to sin or live a sinful lifestyle you will **SUFFER** the consequences of your decisions. Psalms 39:11 says, *"You correct and punish people for their sins; like a moth, you destroy what they love. Everyone's life is only a breath. Selah"* NCV.

SINS

A sin is a transgression against God. Any action or performed behavior that is **AGAINST** and violates God's Word is a sin. Every thought, word or deed that is committed against God's Word is sin.

For example, cussing is a sin because the Bible says let no corrupt communication proceed from your mouth. (Reference Ephesians 4:29-32). Lying is a sin because the Bible says you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Reference Exodus 20:16). Adultery is a sin because the Bible tells us that we shall not commit it. (Reference Exodus 20:14.)

There are many more references to document but you get the point. The consequences of our sins make life complicated and difficult. The **STRESSES** of life come from enduring the consequences of sin. The **WORRIES** of life come from enduring the consequences of sin.

The **ANXIETIES** of life come from enduring the consequences of sin. In other words, the less you sin, the **EASIER** life becomes. The more you sin, the more **COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT** life becomes.

Unfortunately, the modern church has stopped teaching about sin. The lack of teaching on sin is causing people to live harder lives because they are not understanding the severity of living a sinful lifestyle. The consequences of sin puts you behind in life. It decreases your health. It hurts your financial ability. It destroys marriages. It ages you before time, it separates you from God and so much more.

Deuteronomy 28:15-48 provides us with a glimpse of the consequences when a person chooses to sin. No one on this earth is perfect. It is **NOT** possible to live a sinless life. However, it is possible **NOT** to live a sinful lifestyle. There is a difference.

A sinful lifestyle is a deliberate decision to live **AGAINST** God's Word **VOID** of conviction. Committing a sinful **ACT** is a decision in which people are convicted to change their ways and ask for forgiveness.

If you desire to live a simplified, stable and easy life that pleases God start reducing the amount of sins you commit. Make the effort to mature in righteousness. Please remember this wisdom key!

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RIGHTEOUSNESS SIMPLIFIES LIFE.**

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