

Dealing With The Sin In Our Lives #3

The Consequences of Unrepented Sin - Pt. 2

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I. Introductory Remarks & Review.

In the series of messages I have been focusing on how we as Christians must deal with the sin in our lives. Understanding that we all still have a sin nature and the propensity to sin, "How does God expect us do deal with it?"

Last week we began to look at the consequences of sin and saw that it is through the fear of the LORD that one departs from evil. This must be at the foundation of our victory and battle over sin otherwise we will continue to walk in unrepented sin.

Proverbs 16:6 *In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.*

The fear of God comes from knowing that there are consequences for continuing in sin once God warns us that we are to repent of a particular sin in our lives. If we persist in the sin we will begin to sow to the flesh and the flesh will reap corruption from the sin. As a result our sins will eventually be found out by the fruit of our lives.

Galatians 6:7-8 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

We began to look at the consequences of unrepented sin in last weeks message and saw that there are some serious consequences such as

- loss of Christian Joy,
- the Holy Spirit being quenched and grieved,
- reproach upon the Christ and His church, and
- God will turn a deaf ear to our prayers

With this in mind let's continue to look at some more consequences. These are more severe than the other four. It takes both an understanding of the goodness and the severity of God to walk in repentance.

II. More Consequences of Sin.

1. Unrepented Sin Brings Chastisement From God.

Hebrews 12:5-7 *And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?*

Revelation 3:19 *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.*

Psalms 107:17 *Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.*

What happens when we continue in known and willful sin is that God removes His precious covering from us and we become open to all kinds of adversity, sickness and even death. Satan will take full advantage of us when we are in this condition. God allows it to happen for our own good. We see this in Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 5:4-5 *In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 11:29-32 *For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.*

The condemnation or judgment mentioned in verse 29 does not mean condemnation to Hell, but condemnation to God's judgment and punishment in this world. We are solemnly warned that every Christian ought to judge himself carefully, lest he should be judged of God and punished. But, thank God, He chastens us now instead of letting us be condemned with the world, as lost sinners are condemned to Hell!

2. Sin Prevents You From Fully Entering Into Kingdom Blessing.

Luke 17:20-21 *Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of*

God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

It is important that we understand that the kingdom of God has already come, and God is already giving to us much of our kingdom inheritance here on earth. But when we fail to walk in repentance, we miss out from fully entering into the kingdom blessing.

God has given to us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us.

2 Peter 1:2-4 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Galatians 5:19-21 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

Proverbs 28:13 *He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

Sin has a heavy cost because Satan is a thief and a destroyer of all that we have.

- **Illustration: Old Testament sacrifices.**

Every time they sinned they had to take part of their inheritance to present it as a sacrifice for their sins. Imagine someone who continued in willful sin. Pretty soon their whole flock could be gone. The children of Israel eventually lost their whole inheritance because of sin and disobedience.

3. Unrepented Sin Opens Us Up To Satan's Deception.

Because the heart of man is so deceitful, once we begin to walk in unrepented

sin we begin to open ourselves up to Satan's deception as well. His goal is to get us so deceived we will come to the place where we deny or disown Christ.

Romans 7:11 *For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, [deceived] me, and by it killed me.*

2 John 1:7-8 *For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.*

4. Unrepented Sin Can Lead To Blaspheming of the Holy Spirit and Loss of Salvation.

The Bible clearly states in 1 John that there is a sin that leads unto death. This is blaspheming of the Holy Spirit of which Jesus spoke of.

Mark 3:28-29 *"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; "but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation";*

Blaspheming of the Holy Spirit occurs when you have become so deceived by your unrepented sin that you no longer believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation. As a result you disown Christ and He disowns you.

2 Timothy 2:12 *if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us.*

Hebrews 6:4-6 *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

Hebrews 10:26-27 *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*

III. Concluding Remarks.

As we can see, walking in known and unrepented sin can have some pretty severe consequences, but by the fear of God and the goodness of God we can

be lead into real repentance that causes us to walk in victory over sin.

Romans 11:22 *Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.*

Romans 13:12 *The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*