

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SINNING

TEXT: *Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

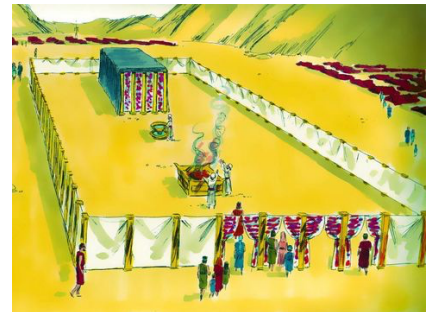
SIN WILL “SEPARATE” US FROM GOD.

Isaiah 59:1-2:

1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.

Exodus 33:7: And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation, which was without the camp.



Deuteronomy 23:14: For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that He see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

Joshua 7:10-12:

10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, “Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?”

11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed My Covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the Children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were

accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.”

Judges 16:20-21:

20 And she said, “The Philistines be upon thee, Samson.” And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, “I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself.” And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.



21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

SINNING WILL STOP OUR PRAYERS from being HEARD BY GOD.

Isaiah 59:2: *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.*

Isaiah 1:15-16:

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil.

Psalms 66:18: *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*

NOTE: GOD IS SPEAKING TO HIS PROPHET JEREMIAH.

Jeremiah 11:14: *Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto Me for their trouble.*

FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, but the Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus.

Ezekiel 8:18: *Therefore will I also deal in fury: Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in Mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.*

Micah 3:2-4:

² *Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;*

³ *Who also eat the flesh of My people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.*

⁴ *Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but He will not hear them: He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.*

SINNING WILL CAUSE PEOPLE'S LIFESPAN TO BE SHORTENED.

Psalms 55:23: *But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in Thee.*

Psalms 37:38: *But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.*

Psalms 89:45: *The days of his youth hast Thou shortened: Thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.*

Proverbs 10:27: *The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.*

Ecclesiastes 7:17: *Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?*

SINNING WILL HARDEN THE INNER HEART OF HEARTS (not the physical heart).

Hebrews 3:12-13:

¹² *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the Living God.*

¹³ *But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

Romans 2:5: But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the Righteous Judgment of God;

Daniel 5:20: But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED.

Luke 8:11-12:

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.

¹² Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.



The Word of God did not get into their hearts because their hearts were hardened. That is why they never were able to hold onto the Word of God. The fowls which represent demons devoured it up. They on the rock received the Word with joy, but they had no root. For a time they believed, but in the time of temptation they fell away.

SINNING WILL “SEAR” THE CONSCIENCE.

Titus 1:15-16:

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Jeremiah 6:15: Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

SINNING IS: BONDAGE, CAPTIVITY, SERVANTS or SLAVES to SIN.

Proverbs 5:22: His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the CORDS of his sins.

Ezekiel 39:23: And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against Me, therefore hid I My face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

Romans 7:23: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

2 Timothy 3:16: For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.

Romans 6:17-18:

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.

SINNING CAUSES THE DEFILING of our BODIES.

Mark 7:18-23:

¹⁸ And He saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him

¹⁹ Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

²⁰ And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

²¹ For from within out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts adulteries fornications murders,

²² Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

²³ All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Leviticus 19:31: *Regard not them that have familiar spirits, [witches and warlocks] neither seek after wizards, [those who are in the occult] to be defiled by them: I AM the LORD your God.*

Ezekiel 14:11: *That the house of Israel may go no more astray from Me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be My people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.*

Ezekiel 20:31: *For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.*

Ezekiel 23:13-14:

¹³ *Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,*
¹⁴ *And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion.*

NOTE: SINNING will also DEFILE THE HOUSE OF THE LORD GOD.

Leviticus 15:31: *Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile My Tabernacle [the House of the Lord] that is among them.*

Leviticus 20:3: *And I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed [his children] unto Molech, to defile My Sanctuary, and to profane My Holy Name.*



Deuteronomy 23:14: *For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that He see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.*

Ezekiel 44:7: *In that ye have brought into My Sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My*

Sanctuary, to pollute it, even My House, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken My Covenant because of all your abominations.

QUESTION: What does the Almighty God command to be done to prevent this?

2 Chronicles 23:19: And he set the porters at the gates of the House of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in.

NOTE: SINNING will also DEFILE the LAND (the earth) upon which we dwell.

Leviticus 18:25: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.



Deuteronomy 21:22-23:

***22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he is to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:
23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.***

Numbers 35:33: So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

SINNING WILL KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10:

***9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.***

Galatians 5:19-21:

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery,

fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:3-5:

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

SINNING WILL HINDER “PROSPERITY” FROM COMING TO GOD’S PEOPLE.

2 Chronicles 24:20: *And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the Commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, He hath also forsaken you.*

Deuteronomy 28:29: *And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.*

Jeremiah 2:32-37:

³² Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

³³ Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

³⁴ Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

³⁵ Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

³⁶ Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also

shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

Malachi 3:8-11:

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.



11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of Hosts.

SINNING WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO FALL.

(“Fall” will be interpreted in the following verses.)

Acts 1:25: *That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.*

Hosea 14:1: *O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.*

Revelation 2:5: *Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

Luke 8:13: *They on the rock [these hearts are HARD under the surface] are they, which, when they hear, [God’s Word] receive the Word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. [go back into sin and back to the world]*

Matthew 7:24-25:

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, [The Lord Jesus Christ] and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house [see Hebrews 3:6 for the interpretation of HOUSE] upon a rock:

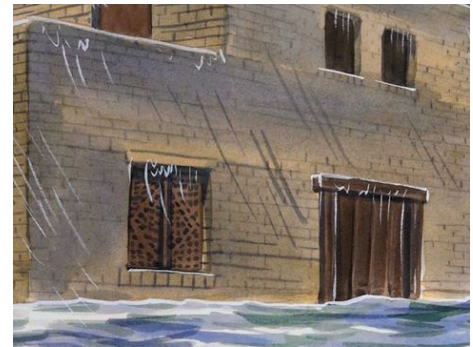


25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (Rock is interpreted in Matthew 16:18; 1Corinthians 10:4; Isaiah 8:14)

Matthew 7:26-27:

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house [LIFE] upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.



Prevention from FALLING

Jude 1:24: Now unto Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 1:5: Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

QUESTION: What are the CONSEQUENCES of FALLING?

ANSWER:

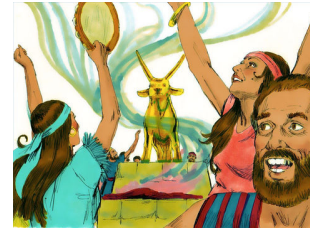
Romans 11:22: Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

CONSEQUENCES OF SINNING: PEOPLE'S NAMES BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE.

Exodus 32:31-33:

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book which Thou hast written.



WHAT WAS THE LORD'S RESPONSE?

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My Book.

CHRIST IS ADDRESSING THE CHURCH.

Revelation 3:5: He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

TAMPERING WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Revelation 22:19: And if any man shall take away from the Words of the Book of this Prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book.

THE 12th CONSEQUENCE of SINNING is: BEING BROUGHT UNDER CONDEMNATION AND GUILT.

John 8:9: And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Romans 8:1-2:

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Acts 2:37-38:

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Acts 7:52-54:

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of Whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the Law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

The 13th CONSEQUENCE of SINNING IS: BEING BROUGHT UNDER MORAL AND SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS.

Ephesians 4:18: Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

2 Corinthians 4:3-4:

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Peter 1:5-7:

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

1 Peter 1:9: Receiving the end of your faith, even the Salvation of your souls.

Romans 11:25-26:

***25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

***26** And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

Luke 19:42: Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.



Matthew 23:17: Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

Matthew 23:19: Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

Revelation 3:18: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Jeremiah 8:6: I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

Jeremiah 16:10: And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

Malachi 3:7: Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of Hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

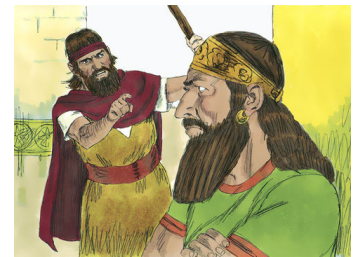
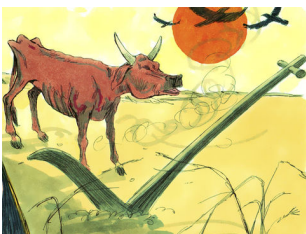
The 14th CONSEQUENCE of SINNING IS: FAMINES DUE TO DROUGHT, LACK OF RAIN.

1 Kings 8:35-36:

35 When Heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against Thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess Thy Name, and turn from their sin, when Thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear Thou in Heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of Thy people Israel, that Thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon Thy land, which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance.

1 Kings 17:1: *And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*



James 5:17: *Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.*

2 Chronicles 7:13-14:

13 If I shut up Heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people;

14 If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Jeremiah 3:2-3:

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.



3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

Matthew 24:7-8:

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.

The 15th CONSEQUENCE of SINNING IS: PHYSICAL ILLNESS, PAIN.

Leviticus 26:14-18:

¹⁴ But if ye will not hearken unto Me, and will not do all these Commandments;

¹⁵ And if ye shall despise My statutes, or if your soul abhor My Judgments, so that ye will not do all My Commandments, but that ye break My Covenant:

¹⁶ I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

¹⁷ And I will set My face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

¹⁸ And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Deuteronomy 28:17: The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

Deuteronomy 28:35: The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

2 Chronicles 16:10-13:

¹⁰ Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

¹¹ And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

Psalms 31:10-12:

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

Psalms 38:3-11:

3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before Thee; and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

Jeremiah 30:13-14:

13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up:

thou hast no healing medicines.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

ANOTHER CONSEQUENCE FROM SINNING IS: LOSS OF HOMES, AND FORFEITING ONE'S HOMELAND.

Genesis 3:23-24: To Adam

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So He [God] drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree of Life.



Genesis 4:9-12:

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?



10 And He said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

2 Kings 16:1-3:

1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

Leviticus 26:30-32:

30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and My Soul shall abhor you.

31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odors.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.



Isaiah 43:5-7:

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west.

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 Even every one that is called by My Name: for I have created him for My Glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

ANOTHER CONSEQUENCE OF SINNING IS: CALAMITIES, DISASTERS, AND TRAGEDIES.

Amos 4:9: I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the LORD.

Joel 2:25: And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you.

Haggai 2:17: I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to Me, saith the LORD.

Leviticus 26:27-28:

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto Me, but walk contrary unto Me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

A CONSEQUENCE OF SINNING IS: SPIRITUAL DEATH.

Jude 1:12: These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

TWICE DEAD, YET PHYSICALLY ALIVE!

NOTE: Spiritual death is ever so much more serious than even physical death in that it is also the second phase of death, as a consequence of sinning.

Luke 15:24: For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:32: It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.



Romans 6:16: 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?

James 5:19-20:

¹⁹ Brethren, if any of you do err from the Truth, and one convert him;

²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1 John 5:16-17:

¹⁶ If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

Revelation 3:1-2:

¹ And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He Who hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy

works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

² Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

A FINAL CONSEQUENCE OF SINNING IS: PHYSICAL DEATH.

Revelation 2:23: *And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am He which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*

Romans 6:23: *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Chronicles 10:13-14:

¹³ So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the Word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;



¹⁴ And inquired not of the LORD: therefore He slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.



Acts 5:5-10:

⁵ And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

⁶ And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

⁷ And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

⁸ And Peter answered unto her, "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?" And she said, "Yea, for so much."

⁹ Then Peter said unto her, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out."



¹⁰ Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

Acts 12:21-23:

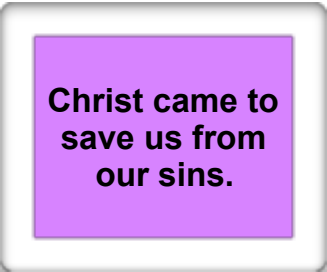
21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

CONCLUSION

That is the BAD NEWS. However, **there is GOOD NEWS to be found in the GOSPEL OF CHRIST.** Christ came to save us from our sins. He came to pay our sin's debt at Calvary. He came to set us free from our sins, and give us an opportunity to begin all over again with a clear and clean record. Here are the FIVE SIMPLE STEPS to becoming a BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN.



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FIVE SIMPLE STEPS TO BE SAVED FROM SIN:

1. **REPENT**

That means Admit to God that you are sorry for your sins, want to turn from them and forsake them, and that you want to get right with God.

Matthew 9:13: But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mark 1:15: And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel.

Acts 17:30-31:

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Acts 20:21: Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. BELIEVE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Acts 16:31: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 10:43: To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His Name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

Galatians 3:26: For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3. CALL ON THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 2:21: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

4. RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOUR

John 1:12: But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name:

Colossians 2:6: As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:

5. CONFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST OPENLY AND TO OTHERS

Romans 10:9-10:

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou

shalt be saved.

¹⁰ *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

WHAT EVERY SINNER SHOULD KNOW

Romans 3:23: *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Isaiah 53:6: *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

1 John 1:8-10:

⁸ *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

⁹ *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

¹⁰ *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

Romans 6:23: *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

John 3:18: *He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemed already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only Begotten Son of God.*

John 3:36: *He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting Life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Ephesians 2:8-9:

⁸ *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

⁹ *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

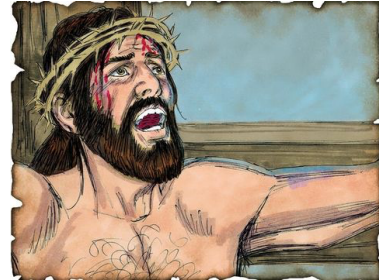
Titus 3:5: *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;*

Isaiah 64:6: *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

John 3:15-18:

15 *That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

16 *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.*



17 *For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

18 *He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only Begotten Son of God.*

Romans 5:6: *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

Romans 5:8: *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4:

3 *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*

4 *And that **He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:***

Acts 16:30-31:

30 *And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*

31 *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

Acts 2:37-38:

37 *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

38 *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall*

receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Mark 16:16: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

GOOD NEWS FOR EVERY NEW CHRISTIAN.

GOD HAS PROVIDED DELIVERANCE FROM OUR SINS.

AND

THE LORD JESUS CAME TO SET US FREE FROM SIN.

John 8:31-32:

³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed;

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:33-36:

³³ They answered Him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest Thou, Ye shall be made free?

³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Acts 3:26: Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Romans 6:22: But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Romans 6:6: 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.

Romans 6:14: For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. ²⁵

1 Corinthians 10:13: *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3: *But the Lord is faithful, Who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.*

1 Peter 2:9: *But ye are a chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood, an Holy Nation, a Peculiar People; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous Light.*