

Sin and Its Consequences

Introduction

1. **The first sin known to man started so innocently, yet had grave consequences! (FRUIT)**

Genesis 3:1-6

A. **The parallel to 1 John 2:15-17:**

1 John 2:15-17

(15) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

(16) For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh (good for food), the lust of the eyes (pleasant to the eyes), and the pride of life (make one wise)--is not of the Father but is of the world.

(17) And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

B. **Paul references the Romans back to that first sin.**

Romans 5:12

(12) Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

2. **Satan was the father of sin.**

John 8:44

3. **The purpose of this lesson:**

A. **To impress upon our minds what sin is, and the consequences of it.**

B. **Many will die and be condemned because they did not recognize sin and the seriousness of it in their life.**

Sin Defined

1. Sin is a transgression of the law.

1 John 3:4

2 John 9-11

A. Sin is lawlessness, we participate in evil when we receive one who teaches error.

2. Sin is unrighteousness.

1 John 5:17

(17) All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

A. The idea of "a sin not leading to death" is an unwillful sin, a sin not committed intentionally.

B. In 1 John 5:13-15 we see that we have an avenue to go to God and ask for forgiveness of sins

1 John 5:13-15

(13) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

(14) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

(15) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

3. Omission is a sin.

James 4:17

How May We Sin?

1. In thought.

Matthew 5:28

(28) But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Isaiah 55:7

(7) Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Proverbs 23:7

(7) For as he thinks in his heart, so is he....

A. A Christian has to be very careful where their thoughts are. We should be thinking of Godly things.

2. In word.

Matthew 12:36-37

(36) But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

(37) For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

A. This is powerful and easy for us to get trapped in; usually from not thinking before we speak!

James 3:10

(10) Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

3. In deed.

Galatians 5:19-21

1 Timothy 2:9

(9) in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

- **PROPRIETY (SHAMEFACEDNESS): "Inner decency which recognizes the lack of clothing to be shameful"**
- **MODERATION (SOBRIETY): "Sound Judgment" Sobriety would keep one from wearing that which is designed to be the "sexy", "revealing", "eye-catching", "hot", and "provocative" styles currently in fashion.**

-- **It would see such as the "attire of a harlot"
(Prov 7:10)**

--- **This is a needed characteristic today!**

A. Do we have a problem with any of the afore mentioned? If so, we need to pray for forgiveness and help.

1) Jesus said:

Matthew 7:20-21

(20) Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

(21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

B. Others are watching you and me. Do they really see a child of God, a Christian living in us?

The Nature of Sin

1. IS: Enticing.

James 1:12-16

2. IS: Deceptive or a false impression.

Hebrews 3:13

(13) but exhort one another daily, while it is called "TODAY," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

(13) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

(14) And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

A. Let us stop and evaluate what we say and do.

B. We are being lured as with a bait every day we live! These things are often hard to see initially - but then they grab us!

3. IS: Pleasure for a season.

Hebrews 11:25

(25) choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

A. Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

1) He could have had wealth and ease of life, but chose to follow God FIRST!

2) Are we determined to do what is right as Moses did?

The Effect of Sin

1. Separates us from God.

Isaiah 59:1-2

(1) Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

(2) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

A. It separates us from God In life.

Proverbs 28:9

(9) One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

1 Peter 3:12

(12) For the eyes of the lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the lord is against those who do evil.

B. It separates us from God In death.

Ezekiel 18:20

1) Each must give an answer according to his own works!

Revelation 14:13

(13) Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

C. It separates us from God In judgment.

Matthew 25:41

D. It separates us from God In eternity.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

2. Enslaves men.

1 Corinthians 6:12

(12) All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but **I will not be brought under the power of any.**

-- **Many are brought under the power of Satan's devices such as Drinking, Drugs or Smoking.**

A. Enslaves In man's thoughts.

Romans 1:20-23

B. Enslaves In man's passions.

Romans 1:24-26

-- **Soon all becomes OK - God does not become as important!**

C. Enslaves In man's will.

Romans 1:27-32

3. It brings forth death.

James 1:15

(15) Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Romans 6:23

(23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. It promises everything and gives nothing except ETERNAL DAMNATION! (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

The Remedy for Sin

1. The blood of Christ.

1 John 1:7

(7) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

2. God's word.

James 1:21

(21) Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

3. The Gospel.

Romans 1:16

(16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

4. Obedience to the gospel.

Hebrews 5:9

(9) And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Conclusion

- 1. By keeping our hearts focused on God by studying His word we will:**
 - A. Keep our thoughts pure**
 - B. Fight off sin**
 - C. Be the **right** example for others**

- 2. Let us make sure that we always strive to do that which is right in God's sight. The consequences of sin are deadly!**

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