

## Understanding Grace Session 6 – Sin’s Consequences

### I. Review/Previous Sessions

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The Spiritual Transformation

**Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)** – <sup>1</sup>*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup>Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?*

While “Grace” freely provided the escape from the “Sinner” status, we should not assume that we may freely continue to give ourselves to acts of sin.

### II. Sin’s Consequences

*Just as righteousness has a harvest, sin also has a harvest*

A. While acts of sin may not change our “righteous” position in Christ, “Sinning” will have consequences.

#### B. Personal Commentary

1. A person who has been born again should have a desire to grow in the fruit of righteousness
2. A person who has been born again should have hatred toward sin.

3. If a person has the same sinful tendencies as they did prior to salvation with no desire to change, we must question the authenticity of their salvation experience.  
*Not everyone who claims salvation possesses it.*
4. Born again people do still deal with temptation and the ability to sin.
5. When born again people sin, this act does not change their righteous position, however there are always consequences for sin.
6. The same grace that provided salvation also provides help and remedy when we sin as believers.

**C. What are the consequences of Sin for believers?**

**1 John 3:20-23 (NKJV)** – <sup>20</sup>*For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. <sup>22</sup>And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. <sup>23</sup>And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave [a]us commandment.*

1. **Condemnation (Our heart condemns us)**
2. **Confidence is hindered**
  - a. Confidence is important when exercising spiritual authority.
  - b. Confidence is important in prayer.

**Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV)** – <sup>7</sup>*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

**3. Corruption**

- a. Corruption def = destruction and perishing
- b. Sin brings a harvest of corruption!

*Spiritual corruption*

*Physical Corruption/Disease*

*Mental Corruption/Stress*

*Marriage*

*Children*

*Financial*

**John 5:14 (NKJV)** – *Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”*

**4. An Open Door for the Enemy**

- a. Grace provides a free righteous position with the Father; however sinful acts leave an open door for the enemy to work in your life.
- b. Jesus Instruction to the woman caught in adultery.

**John 8:10-11 (NKJV)** – <sup>10</sup>*When Jesus had raised Himself up <sup>[a]</sup>and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers <sup>[b]</sup>of yours? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup>She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go <sup>[c]</sup>and sin no more.”*

- c. Grace forgives but always declares the need to stop sin in our lives.
- d. Why? Because sin has consequences for the saved and unsaved.

**5. Like a thief, Sin robs us.**

- a. Joy
- b. Peace
- c. Christian Zeal