

# CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

[Consequence: Something that logically or naturally follows from an action or condition.  
The relation of a result to its cause.]

The consequences of sin are most overlooked facts of life. Some laugh at the consequences of sin. Others think the results are grossly exaggerated. Still others deny them, because they deny any wrong-doing. This happens because the results are hidden behind the facade. The front view offers pleasure, while hiding the horrible consequences.

Many liquor ads on television offer a vision of friends, fun, frolic—but the reality is hidden.

An attractive gift box with a serpent in it may look inviting, but opening it is disastrous.

An advertisement offered a "Linen Hand Towel for \$1.95." (It turned out to be a piece of line the size of a hand.)

**Each promises much up-front, but behind facade: nothing but bitter disappointment.**

## CONSEQUENCE OF SIN IS REAL

Sin is defined generally as "missing the mark."

No one escapes the consequences.

**"For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality."** Col.3:25

As night follows day, consequences follow actions.

## FOUR-FOLD CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

### Momentary pleasure

Sin produces pleasing sensations; the satisfaction of desires.

This is the selling-point of sin.

Moses refused it. Heb.11:25

David enjoyed it in the matter of Bathsheba.

Judas enjoyed momentary pleasure with 30 pieces of silver, **at first!** Mat.27:1-10

At first: key words. Pro.23:31-32 "goes down smoothly at first"

How different the message of the promoters from Scripture and experience.

### Trouble within

The fact of wrong doing is impressed on the mind. Psa.32:1-4

It remains there for a very long time. 1Ti.1:15

Tears are the result (there are two kinds of tears).

One of woe, wishing pain would go away.

One of remorse, desiring to rectify problem.

There is no way to make it "un-happen."

Tears cannot change the fact. As Esau found out, Heb.12:16-17

### Problem with others

Uriah's death was the result of David attempting to cover his own sins.

Jesus' arrest was the result of Judas' love of money.

Sin can lead others to yield to sin.

Barnabas and others followed Peter's hypocrisy.

Sin can separate friends.

"A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle." Pro.18:19

## **Dilemma with God**

Psa.51:2-4 trouble with God.

The Lord's face is against those who do evil. 1Pe.3:12b

One can't have part in kingdom of God. Gal.5:21

The wages of sin is death. Rom.6:23

## **THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN**

One doesn't break God's commandments, rather breaks himself or herself against them!

Everyone suffers the consequence of their sins. No Exceptions.

A "moment's reckless folly" can be "too great to bear!" Gen.4:13

## **JESUS: THE GREAT PHYSICIAN CAN HEAL LIVES RACKED BY SIN**

When one acknowledges sin [confesses], and is truly sorry, abhorring it [penitent].

**“Sin causes the cup of joy to spring a leak”**