

The Heavy Price of Sin!

Introduction

1. **Ungodly practices in society today are being fueled by a redefinition of terms.**

A. **Perhaps some feel that if the meaning of a word is changed, then this will bring a change in the consequences, resulting from that action. For example:**

- 1) **“gay” for Homosexuality.**
- 2) **“pro-choice” for Abortion**
- 3) **“substance abuse;” “chemical dependency” for Drug addict**
- 4) **“under the influence” for Drunk**
- 5) **“cock-tail” or “martini” instead of a shot of whiskey**
- 6) **“disease” instead of drunk, wino, or alcoholic**
- 7) **“affair” or “cheating” for Fornication or Adultery**

B. **This deception in many forms is being honored as “patriotism.”**

- 1) **What is happening is that a more “attractive face” is being put on the ugly face of SIN!**

2. **Brethren and friends - be careful! The distance that we travel in this new direction is proportional to our willingness to be deceived by them!**

1 Thess 5:21-22 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.

A. **Sin is sin and we’ll not escape the consequences of that sin!**

- 1) **Just because the name is changed does not make a person innocent. We’d do better to call things as they really are.**

Isaiah 5:20-21

About Sin

1. Sin is defined in 1 John 3:4.

1 John 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

- A. **Sin is a transgression of the commandment of God. It is breaking the law of God that He has given to man.**
- B. **It is not a light matter in the eyes of God to commit acts of lawlessness. This is evident by two facts:**

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

- 1) **Sin, which brings spiritual death, must be removed by the blood of God's Son.**

2. In spite of God's revelation concerning sin, many people, including Christians, tend to make some transgression as "insignificant."

- A. **With some, there is the "white lie" or the unlawful act committed as a matter of convenience.**
- B. **There is "gossip" that is passed on as socially acceptable.**
 - 1) **People seem to think that sin of old is no longer sin today, or perhaps, sin is not as bad as it used to be. WHO CHANGED SIN'S DEFINITION? God or Man?**

3. Friends and brethren, Sin is Sin. Sin is an act of lawlessness and one sin separates us from God.

- A. **Sin not repented of will cost a person his soul.**

Here is why SIN EXACTS A HEAVY PRICE:

Spiritually

1. Long ago Isaiah announced to the children of Israel the consequences of their sin. Notice:

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

- A. Sin brings upon a soul the greatest tragedy of life, no fellowship with God. **1 JOHN 1:6-2:1**

- 1) All the trials that occur during our lifetime are small compared to spiritual death.
- 2) Sin severs our communion with God. There is no worse condition than for one to be without God.
- 3) Sin puts man at the disposal of Satan, to be used by him for wickedness. Sin may be attractive to the world, but it is an abomination to God, and brings spiritual death.

What a HEAVY PRICE!

Physically

1. Not only does sin carry with it a spiritual toll, but also can cause physical damage as well. This is not true of all sins, but some.

- A. David's sin with Bathsheba changed the rest of his life.

- 1) He was forgiven of his sin but notice:
2 Samuel 12:13-14
- 2) He bore the consequences of his sin! The sword never departed from his house. Absalom, his own son rose up against him.

- B. Physical damage can be brought to the individual that uses alcohol, tobacco, or drugs. It can bring a change and altar his direction in life to include a shorter life span.**
 - 1) Many young people have allowed pain and destruction to enter their life due to sexual immorality.**
- C. The influence of sin shackles one to death. Freedom only comes by the power of God and a turning to God.**

Mentally and Emotionally

- 1. Through our repentance and the mercy of God, we can have forgiveness of our wrongs. God has promised to remember them no more!**
 - A. But often times, we cannot forget the iniquities we commit and they are constant reminders of our weaknesses.**
- 2. We can read of Peter in Mark 14:72:**
Mark 14:72
 - A. When Peter thought about what had happened, he wept. What was he thinking about? **His denial of Christ!****
 - 1) Jesus warned him of what he would do and Peter affirmed that it would never happen.**
 - 2) Sin not only brings death, but it brings sorrow in this life.**
- 3. Often when our thoughts dwell on our sins and the anguish they have produced, we wish we could just totally forget them. But we should thank God that we can still be touched by wrongdoing.**
 - A. The alternative to which is spiritually devastating. Notice: **1 Timothy 4:2; Ephesians 4:17-19****
 - 1) There is extreme danger when the conscience cannot be touched by any transgression of the law of God.**

The Price for Redemption

1. **It took the death of Jesus Christ to free man from the slavery of sin and Satan.**
 - A. **Because of this, sin cannot be considered a trivial matter. Notice what Paul says:
ROMANS 5:6-11**
 - 1) **God gave the very best heaven had to offer!**

Conclusion

1. **In man's willingness to redefine sin, he exalts himself, cheapens the sacrifice of Jesus for sin, and questions the wisdom of God!**
2. **When we treat sin in a trivial manner, we are deceiving ourselves, being deceived by the adversary.**
 - A. **When we notice things with an expensive price tag, we think twice.**
 - 1) **Why don't we do that with sin? Sin's price tag is not affordable because it is DEATH! (Nobody can afford it)**
3. **The redemptive price to remove sin is the blood of Christ.**
4. **No matter what you want to call it, Sin separates us from God. That's the spiritual. It's side affects are often physical, mental, and emotional.**
5. **Truly, SIN exacts a HEAVY PRICE!**

