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In our eagerness to preach a positive message, **we have failed to teach the consequences of sin:**

1 John 5:18 (Power New Testament, William Morford)

We know that everyone who has been begotten from God does not sin {per Amplified, does not deliberately and knowingly practice committing sin}, but the one who has been begotten from God **keeps himself by observing the commandments** and the evil one does not take hold of him.

1 John 5:18 (Young's Literal Translation) 18... doth keep himself...

1 John 5:18 (Worrell New Testament) 18... keeps himself...

1 John 5:18 (KJV) 18... keepeth himself...

**In other words, if you DO sin (not observe the commandments), then the evil one WILL take hold of you.**

**The Christians who feed on “grace”** are quick to point out that if/when you sin, then Jesus will forgive you – and that is true. Equally true is the fact that **you are forgiven (if you confess** meaning acknowledge and admit your SIN **and repent** by turning from your wicked/evil ways), BUT **there are still consequences for the sin** that you committed. Forgiven yes, but now God will “chasten and/or scourge” you not because he is angry but because **He wants to help you to not sin again moving us into Holiness** (Heb 12:6,10).

William Morford in his translation of the New Testament “The Power New Testament, Revealing Jewish Roots” explains on page 25 that people, during the days when Jesus was walking on the earth, those **people of Jesus’ day “understood that sickness was caused by sin.”** However, this truth has been buried and is not being taught in the Church world of today.

The church world of today tells us that we should be good Christians. Being a good Christian will make God happy, and you will have fewer problems in life. Well... that is **only one half of the story.** The part of the story that is being left out is that **when you sin, you have allowed demons into your life.** Do you know how to get rid of the demons?

Let's take what has become a very common sin. Sex before marriage – that is a sin. Because it is a sin, you don't just run the risk of a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD); in addition to the risk of “maybe” getting a STD, you WILL get several demons in your body and soul. **Again - do you know how to get rid of the demons?**

Once you understand that a **sin** can and **DOES bring demons into your body and soul** (not your born-again spirit), and once you understand that sin can and **DOES bring demons into the lives of your children through generational curses,** now, the realization that there are demonic CONSEQUENCES in committing sin – this gives you a much more important reason to want to walk in holiness. Now, refusing to walk in sin is not only pleasing to God, **holiness** (refusing to walk in sin), **WILL KEEP THE DEMONS OUT.**

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1. We have all heard of the “Law Of Gravity.” The law of gravity will operate whether you believe in it or not. Likewise, there is **another law that operates whether we believe in it or not** called the “Law Of Sin & Death.”

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

23 For the wages of sin is death {relationship problems, financial problems, health problems, pre-mature death, all manner of suffering, calamity, disappointments, etc.}

2. The Old Testament makes it clear that the consequence of **any sin** is that it **brings a curse**:

Deuteronomy 28:15 (KJV)

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

3. And... ignorance of the law is no excuse. Just like the Law Of Gravity will operate whether you are aware of it or not. So also, the Law Of Sin & Death will operate whether you are aware of it or not.

Leviticus 5:17 (AMP)

17 If anyone sins and does any of the things the Lord has forbidden, though he was not aware of it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.

4. If you habitually sin (get accustomed to a lifestyle of sin)
- Sin will take control of you - things get worse not better (John 8:34)
  - God will chasten and scourge you (Heb 12:6, 1 Cor 5:5) by taking His hand of protection off of you (1 John 5:18), and the devil will start to kill, steal and destroy everything that you love (John 10:10)
  - Causes pre-mature death (1 Cor 5:5, John 15:2)
  - You can even lose your salvation - lose your future eternal life in Heaven with Jesus (Matt 7:21, Heb 6:4-6, 1 John 5:16)

God (God the Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit) sovereignly choose to give us a free will and therefore delegated both authority and responsibility to mankind.

Therefore:

- We** have to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. God does not automatically do this for us (James 1:27, Prov 4:20-23) **Grace = God’s willingness to use His power and ability on our behalf.** But...
- We** must call upon his name – the Name of Jesus (Ps 50:15), surrender our lives to Him.
- We** (of our own free will) must choose to resist the devil (James 4:7)
- Then**, nobody can snatch us out of God’s hand (John 10:28-29)

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