

Mt. Lebanon Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Sin And the Consequences Thereof

2 Samuel 11: 2 – 5

Are there acceptable sins, and if so, what are they? Is there any kind of sin that we can have a little bit of in our life, and still remain in good standing with God? We believe this to be true because, often time, we are tempted and allow ourselves to be deceived into treating the sinfulness in our life, as if it were acceptable unto God. The answer to all of these questions is no, there is no such thing as an acceptable sin, and there are no exceptions for sin, for sin brings about death.

Romans 3: 23,....for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God....

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

Everything in life has eternal consequences, and these consequences, either lead to an eternal life with God, or to an eternal separation from God. Some have accepted it, some ignore it, while others misunderstand it. Many people do not consider the fact that they are sinners and need to be saved, but they see themselves as good, comparing themselves with others that they consider to be less worthy than they are. Humanity is always looking for an alternative route to get to heaven, which they believe to be good deeds, generous living, and acts of kindness, but these only deceive people into believing that these things will earn them a place with God. Eternal life is open unto all as a free gift, and the only requirement for humanity is to accept it comes through faith believing, in obedience to Gods word.

So, we want to turn to: And we want to look at an example of deceptive sinfulness, and the consequences that come from it.

2 Samuel 11: 2 – 5,....it came to pass....David arose....and from the roof saw a woman....the woman was very beautiful to look upon....David sent and enquired after the woman....David sent....and she came....he lay with her....she returned unto her house....the woman conceived....told David....I am with child....

Falling prey to temptation causes us to let down our spiritual guard, which will allow Satan to continue to tempt us in a way that we will not expect, and therefore easily fall prey to sin. Personal worldly lustful desires will overrule good sound spiritual judgement every time. Therefore, let us not forget that temptation comes in many forms and actions. Let us remember that when temptations arise, God has not given unto us permission to allow it to interrupt our work for him for any reason, and he never said it is ok to give up when we are tempted, or when we feel that as believers we are being threatened. Therefore, we need to be continually on guard, for God never intended for us to be controlled by sin through our worldly lustful desires, but we are meant to have superiority over every force that comes against us to destroy us.

Romans 6: 14,....for sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace....

As believers, we should not make our daily decisions based upon how we perceive ourselves in our current situation, for guarding our hearts is all about protecting ourselves spiritually in our life. We must be mindful of the thoughts which we have, things that we set our affections on, and things that we give our attention to. We must take responsibility for our spiritual well-being, becoming aware of the sinful influences that hinder our spiritual maturity, for these things have a significant impact on our relationship with God. We must choose to focus our thoughts and our influences on heavenly things, so that we are seeking after the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, searching for understanding from God, through prayer and through meditation in his word, so that we might become ever effective in sharing Gods word of truth to all who will hear.

James 1: 14 - 15,....everyman is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed....when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death....

Personal desires that bring about poor judgement on our part cause sin to take place in our life. Just because we are tempted does not mean that it is sin. Christ himself was tempted yet he never sinned. It is the desires of our heart that allow us to be lured away with temptation and therefore bring about sin in our life. We can either resist temptation through the strength of the Holy Spirit as we walk in spirit and in truth, or we can yield to temptation and allow it to draw us away from the truth of God's word into disobedience. Sin interrupts our relationship with God and continues to do so until we confess that sin before God, and even though confession is made, we must still face the consequences of our disobedience. We must therefore turn away from our fleshly desires so that we do not yield to temptation, and we must turn unto Christ so that we might be restored into his righteousness.

Psalms 32: 5,....I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid....I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin....

When we do what we want to do, when we do what we think is good, when we do what we desire, when we do what we think is right instead of keeping our eyes upon God, we displease God. Often time, in our thoughts and in our minds, having all is still not enough. God had given David everything, but it still was not enough. God does not deprive us of that which we need, the problem is that we always think that there is just one more thing that we need to make us happy. Our happiness, we feel, is just one more thing possession, or is just one more worldly action away. God could give us the whole world, and we would still not be happy or satisfied. Our sinful desires always want more. We must come to understand, that we are here because of God's mercy and grace, therefore our desires should be a reflection of God's desires for us.

Romans 7: 18,....for I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing, for to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I find not....

There is no excuse for our sinfulness, therefore, we should not try to make our sinfulness seem less than it is, but we should see our sinfulness for what it is, and that it is ultimately against God, therefore, consequences will follow. When God, who knows the heart, sees that we recognize our guilt, and that we are ready to repent, it is then that he will bring his timing to pass. God, through Christ, has made provisions for our life, so that we may consistently experience victory over our sinfulness. In spite of these provisions, we still sin, so therefore, it is important for us that we learn how to deal with our sin in a manner that is pleasing unto God, so that we might be restored in our relationship with him.

Romans 6: 10 – 12,....he died, he died unto sin once....he liveth, he liveth unto God....be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God....let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body....

Sin in the life of a believer, without the restoring power of the Holy Spirit, which can only come through confessing our sin, will lead to a downward spiral in our life in Christ. Even if we are trying to do good, falling prey to our sin nature will cause us to follow after our own self-righteousness. Thankfully, regardless of how corrupt we may become through our transgressions, Christ death on the cross was sufficient to cover all sin. Therefore, we must think of ourselves as dead to sin, and alive to God, and by his word we must allow God to have that conversation with us on a daily basis. As believers, we should not give into our worldly desires, for our sinful desires no longer have control over our lives, but God does. Therefore, let us not fall prey any longer to sin, and the consequences thereof.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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