

# SIN AND CONSEQUENCES

When working with children in a hospital setting, I would teach them, “Every action has a consequence. Good actions lead to good consequences. Bad actions lead to bad consequences.” Make sense doesn’t it? We experience it every day. We can’t get around it. All our actions lead to all of our consequences. **This is something huge to look at during Passion Week.** The spiritual consequence is what put Jesus on the cross. But what about earthly consequences? Do they happen? And why?

## CONSEQUENCES OF SIN ARE VERY REAL

We MUST understand that sin is destructive to our physical self as well as our spiritual self. Sin is not just an “oops” in life. Sin is destruction and death to relationships and circumstances. It ALWAYS carries death in some form with it.

**Romans 6:23 – What does it say? How does that affect us daily?**

**Colossians 3:25 – Who gets repaid for wrongs? Are there any exceptions?**

## LIFE-CYCLE OF SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

### 1. Momentary Pleasure

The “selling-point” of sin is its immediate gratification. Satan never wants us to see the long-term consequences.

#### **Examples:**

Moses – Hebrews 11:24-25

David – 2 Samuel 11-12

Judas – Matthew 27:1-10

### 2. Trouble Within

When you sin, your mind is taken in many directions because chaos now roams the mind. Memories and guilt plagues you. Sin tells you ways to immediately cover it up. Life is removed from a simple to a conflicting, complex reality.

**What do these verses say about the inner conflict of sin?**

**Psalm 32:3-4**

**Hebrews 12:16-17**

### 3. Trouble with Others

**One, sin can separate friends and destroy relationships.** Judas friendship with Jesus was destroyed by sin. Lot’s Marriage was destroyed by sin (Genesis 19). Noah’s relationship with Ham was destroyed by sin (Genesis 9).

**Two, sin can lead others into sin.** The people followed King Saul into sin (1 Samuel 13:7b-15). The people followed Aaron in the desert (exodus 32).

**Proverbs 18:19 – What does it say about sin relationally? Do you have any examples?**

### 4. Dilemma with God

**Study these verses and discuss what they mean:**

**Psalm 51:1-4**

**1 Peter 3:12**

**Galatians 5:19-21**

**PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GRACE AND MERCY!!**