

CONSEQUENCES

**What about the
consequences of sin in
our lives?**

**As believers, do we
have a license to sin?**

**Does God expect us to
turn and repent of our
sin and walk in victory?**

Romans 6:1-2 What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

**Are there
consequences?**

**Galatians 6:7-8 Don't be
deceived: God is not mocked.
For whatever a man sows he
will also reap, because the
one who sows to his flesh will
reap corruption from the
flesh, but the one who sows
to the Spirit will reap eternal
life from the Spirit.**

**Numbers 32:23b ...be
sure your sin will catch
up with you.**

**So lets take a look at
some of the
consequences you and
I can expect.**

**1. There is a loss of
true joy**

**Romans 14:17 for the
kingdom of God is not
eating and drinking,
but righteousness,
peace, and joy in the
Holy Spirit.**

**One of the privileges of
knowing Jesus is the
joy of the Lord.**

**Unconfessed sin in our
lives causes a lack of
joy.**

Think about David

**Psalm 51:8-13 Let me
hear joy and gladness;
let the bones You have
crushed rejoice. Turn
Your face away from
my sins and blot out all
my guilt.**

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore the joy of Your
salvation to me, and
give me a willing spirit.**

**Then I will teach the
rebellious Your ways,
and sinners will return
to You.**

**2. There is a grieving
and quenching of the
Holy Spirit**

**Ephesians 4:30 And
don't grieve God's Holy
Spirit. You were sealed
by Him for the day of
redemption.**

1 Thessalonians 5:19
Don't stifle the Spirit.

**When sin goes
unconfessed and
unrepentant of then we
open the door to the
Holy Spirit not being
allowed to work.**

**We prevent Him from
performing His work on
our behalf.**

**Remember some of what
the Holy Spirit does for us...**

- speaks to us**
- guides and directs our
lives**
- empowers us in ministry**
- strengthens us**

- convicts us of sin**
- produces Christlike
character**
- helps us know God's
will**

**John R. Rice said it
this way in his book
“When a Christian
Sins”**

“The Holy Spirit lives in every Christian's body. Yet, when a Christian sins he loses all contact with that same Holy Spirit. It seems as if the Holy Spirit, like an ill-treated and offended guest, shuts Himself up in His own small room in the heart and does not enjoy the fellowship of the inmate who has so grieved Him and wronged Him.”

**Can you really afford to
lose the power of the
Holy Spirit in all these
areas of your life?**

**3. There is a reproach
brought on Christ, the
church, and His word**

**Unconfessed sin
brings a mark to the
name of Christ.**

**We damage the work
of the Lord and the
church.**

HYPOCRITES

**We sin freely and the
world sees it.**

**We sin and don't do
anything about it and
the world sees it.**

**Think about those who
fall in ministry.**

Everyone talks!

**4. There is a lack of
answered prayer**

Matthew 7:7 “Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

**The Bible makes it
clear that God wants to
hear and answer the
prayers of His people.**

Isaiah 59:1-2 Indeed, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, and His ear is not too deaf to hear. But your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have made Him hide His face from you so that He does not listen.

**Wouldn't it seem like
God was condoning
our sin by answering
our prayers in the
middle of it?**

**As you can see our
unconfessed sin hinders
our relationship with the
Lord.**

**What is it in your life that
is blocking fellowship
with the Lord?**

