

**BEFORE THE
CONSEQUENCES...**

SIN

GENESIS 3

Genesis 3:6-10 Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom.

So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

And he said, “I heard You in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

**I hope we all know that
we are not supposed
to sin.**

**Why is it wrong to sin?
Are we supposed to be
perfect? What do we
do when we sin? Is all
sin bad?**

**Well let's look at the
cost.**

**1. Sin always brings
shame.**

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afraid because I was
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**Sin in the life of the believer
always brings shame. Sin
will hamper the relationship
with the Lord no matter how
big or how little.**

Why?

Sin is always sin!

**This is why they chose to
hide.**

**It's like being a child and
having to face your parents
when you chose to disobey.**

Ex. The pointer

**If you can freely sin
and not feel ashamed,
then you had better
question if you are
really saved.**

**2. Sin urges us to
blame someone else.**

Genesis 3:12-13

Genesis 3:12-13 Then the man replied, “The woman You gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.” So the Lord God asked the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “It was the serpent. He deceived me, and I ate.”

**Blame-shifting has
been around since the
beginning of time.**

How many times have
you and I been caught
in the middle of
something and our first
thought is who can we
put this on.

**You see it every day in
the political world. You
see it every day in the
business world.**

**The sad thing is when we
sin, we want to blame our
parents, our spouse, our
kids, our circumstances,
God, and the devil.**

**Maybe we should take
responsibility.**

**As a matter of fact the
Bible makes it clear
who to blame.**

James 1:14-15 But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desires.

Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

**Adam and Eve
intentionally sinned.
They knew what not to
do and did it anyway
Don't we do the same?**

A couple of examples.

**-gossip (the church
body killer)**

**Proverbs 16:28 A
contrary man spreads
conflict, and a gossip
separates close friends.**

**Gossip in the name of
prayer is gossip.**

**-lust and pornography
(doesn't hurt anyone)**

**Matthew 5:28 But I tell you,
everyone who looks at a
woman to lust for her has
already committed adultery
with her in his heart.**

**Remember that the
Devil can not make me
do it.**

**3. Sin separates us
from a Holy God.**

Genesis 3:23-24

Genesis 3:23-24 So the Lord God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

Isaiah 59:2 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.

**So the question
becomes, “how do you
keep from sin?”**

**Psalm 119:11 I have
treasured Your word in
my heart so that I may
not sin against You.**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

