



The Consequences of Sin

(Understanding Sin, Part 3)

by Dave Rogers

Many people simply don't believe in "sin" anymore; sin is the breaking or "violating" of God's laws (1 John 3:4); sin DOES actual exist; and it affects every person's life, in that it contradicts God's will and design for that life and His order for that world in which we live. Even if some choose to not believe in it, sin also has **consequences**.

Is there really such a thing as a "victimless" crime/sin? That would be an offense that *hurts* no one, *costs* no one, and for which *no one* could be rightly blamed! There are LOTS of "victimless crimes" in our world, *according to some folks* (practically every moral offense is now in this category, unless it involves coercion). Sins like fornication or adultery? Lying? "Petty" thefts? Greed? Gluttony? Alcoholism (unless you're *driving* drunk!)? All of these are supposedly victimless crimes, yet each of us is smart enough to know that this is simply not true! These wicked deeds **DO** leave wounds, losses, and destruction in their wake! Some folks try to argue that "if a 'sin' doesn't harm anyone but the sinner, then his actions are nobody else's business," but the apostle Paul pointed out in Romans 14:7 that, "...*none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.*" This is the Holy Spirit's way of telling us that **it's not possible for an individual to sin and not also affect the society around him!**

One consequence of sin is **the sinner's memory of life BEFORE sin**. What actually started the prodigal son toward home in Luke 15:16-17? It was NOT poverty, loneliness, or embarrassment; it was partly hunger AND partly the memory of how things were "**before!**" Likewise, for king David in Psalm 51:3, there was the inability to stop remembering his sin ("*I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever*

before me"). The remorse we experience because of sin is **real** – and **proper**. Without reconciliation to God, that sin can become "the" defining moment of our lives!

Another consequence of sin is **the damage it does to the sinner's relationship with the Father**. The sharp words of Proverbs 6:16-19 and Deuteronomy 31:17 make it clear that sin makes Him angry, and He will forsake anyone who insists on continuing in it! ("*These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him...*" [emphasis mine, DR] and "*Then my anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them...*") We should pay attention to king David's words in Psalm 7:11, that "*God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day*" (some versions say He "has indignation," which still means **He is offended!**).

NOW move to **the eternal aspect of sin**: In James 1:14-17, the inspired penman tells us that sin *produces* – it *leads to* – spiritual death (as in Isaiah 59:2), and Paul says in Romans 6:23 that this is the "paycheck" that sinners *deserve!* Jesus said in Luke 13:27 that He will "send away" from Him everyone who persists in sin, but remember that this is not *just* about making God *angry*: Sin also **grieves** Him, Genesis 6:6 – it *causes Him pain!* Psalm 5:4 and Ezekiel 33:11 both remind us that God does not "rejoice" when someone dies in a sinful condition, and while Jesus emphasized in Matthew 25:41 that God **SHALL** carry out the demands of justice on those who refuse to repent of their sins, Paul and Peter both stress that **the "consequence" of sins that He desires is for every sinner to repent!** (1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9).

SEVEN FINAL WORDS

Mark Posey

Jesus Christ spoke seven final statements during His last hours on the cross. Christians cherish these phrases because they offer insight into the depth of His suffering to accomplish redemption. The seven last words of Jesus are presented here in chronological order.

The word of Forgiveness: “Father, forgive them” (Luke 23:34). Jesus prayed for the many that had put Him on the cross. In doing so, He fulfilled Matthew 5:44. “Them” includes us (Romans 5:8; John 3:16). Jesus fulfilled prophecy: “made intercession for the transgressors”(Isaiah 53:12).

The word of Salvation: “Today you shall be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). This 11th hour conversion might seem unfair; however, Jesus is true to His word of Grace. Paradise (paradeisos) represents Heaven, the presence of God (2 Corinthians 12:4).

The word of Affection: “Woman, behold, your son!” (John 19:26-27). Jesus demonstrated the value and the importance of selflessness. Even at the end He was others-focused. Christians are selfless, Christ-centered and heavenward bound (Colossians 3:1-4).

The word of Despair: “My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46). These repeated words depict the intense agony Jesus experienced on the Cross and fulfill the

prophecy of Psalm 22. These words also depict a deep relationship with God because they are directed to Him.

The word of Physical Torment: “I thirst” (John 19:28). Jesus refused the pain-numbing drink (vinegar mixed with myrrh, Mark 15:23), choosing to experience the complete pain and agony of crucifixion. Now, He received a sponge lifted to Him on hyssop that contained sour-wine (vinegar) for parched lips and dry throat so He could utter a great cry.

The word of Triumph: “It is finished!” (John 19:30). The word tetelestai (“It is finished”) was written on business documents or receipts in New Testament times to indicate a bill had been paid in full. Jesus paid our debt in full on the cross. Jesus came to earth to reconcile God and man; He did so at the cross.

The word of Committal: “Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit” (Luke 23:46). When His work was finished, Jesus gave up His spirit to the Father. He did this when and how He wanted. Jesus was not a victim to be pitied, but a conqueror to be admired and loved.

Let us never forget that Jesus died for you and me.

Youth Events

(See David Gulledge with any questions)

F.R.O.G.



Fully Rely On God

Apr 7 – All age Singing at the Hagin's

April 13 – FROGs' Egg Hunt 10-noon



April 14 – Leaderette Tea from 3-4:30.

April 19-21 – LTL Convention

Apr 21 – Areawide Youth Devo – Conyers

Apr 28 - Kid's Notes Pizza Party.

See Stan/Brenda for details.

May 5 – LTL Luncheon. This is a day we come together to support our kids. Bring your lunch and join us.



Fully Rely On God

Family Matters

Mary Lawrence – Is home with a leg injury.
Una Fortson – Has been moved for rehab.
RePearl Sharpe – Started chemo treatments.
Sally Wallace – Will have back surgery soon.
Bernice Gillespie – Not doing well.
Ron Brown – Will have open heart surgery April 11th in Minnesota.
McKenzie O'Brien – Jim & Sharon's granddaughter will have surgery within the next few months, to repair injuries received from an automobile accident.

Members With Health Issues: Larry & Margie Fields, David Riley, Kathleen Garner, Ray Russell, Lucille Amon, Doris Buckner, Lilly Walker, Decieta Lyons, Joann Crook, Mattie Williams, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

Shut-ins: David & Jill Nash, Equillar Butler, Ruby

Fowler, Lillie Jones, Joe Clark, Frances Elder & Jane Lankford

Others With Health Problems: Lois Byrd (Kisha Madison's mother), Summer Long (Charity Nash), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Donna & Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's daughter & Son-in-law), Ed Hall (Charity Nash's father), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Frances Jones (neighbor of Sally Wallace & Denise Greene), Mike Giles (Jim O'Brien), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Greg Brown & Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's cousin & niece), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law) and Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's bro.-in-law)

(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)

Calendar

April 14 – Leaderette Tea, 3-4:30 hosted by Sandra Hopkins. If you have a daughter in LTL, see Sandra.

Apr 19-21 – LTL Convention, Kids and adults will go up Friday. SilverWings will go up Saturday evening for the awards.

April 25 - Join us as we celebrate Doris Buckner's 90th Birthday. Everyone is invited to meet at Bay Breeze Restaurant at 1pm. Cost is \$10.00 & up. Cards only.

May 4 – The family of David Riley cordially invite you to celebrate with them his 80th Birthday BBQ Bash at

the home of Larry & Becky Brown. No gifts, your presence will be the gift of friendship and love that he cherishes most. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

May 5 – Raintree Village Food Truck

July 19-27 – Mexico Mission Trip

Aug 16-22 - Polishing the Pulput

The Raintree Village
Food Truck
A list is located in the
foyer.



Check Out Our New Website

Your support is needed for our Mexico Mission

We have an opportunity coming up, to serve the Lord in other places by helping fellow Christians there and by introducing others to His church for the first time. We're planning a mission trip to support the congregation in Villa Ocuilzapotlan, Tabasco, Mexico.

The Mexico trip will take place on July 19 - 27. We are invited to conduct a vacation Bible school in the afternoon before the gospel meeting in the evenings. One reason we encourage works like this for congregations elsewhere is to help strengthen our own congregation and the church.

Please remember, one way all of us can take part – and we hope everyone will – is through our contributions and prayers. We need to raise \$2,000 to rent a van, pay for gas and provide funds to build 10 more fire pits for cooking (the cost is \$100 each). We will also visit shut-ins and help construct the fire pits for those who cannot afford them.

Area Calendar:

- Apr 7-10** – Tara COC Gospel Meeting, "The Church of Faith, Hope and Love", Speaker: Larry Acuff
- Apr 13** – Ladies' Day at Seneca COC "Recipes of Life" Speaker: Sheila Butt
- Apr 14-18** - Hartley Bridge Rd COC Gospel Meeting, "Consider the days of Old", Speaker: Michael Sheperd
- May 17-19** – 8th Annual 7B Southeastern Soul Saving Seminar, "Need for Personal Evangelism!" Speakers: Rob Whittacre, & Ronnie Hayes
- May 4-5** - GSOP 14th Annual Bible Lectureships

	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Call To Worship	David Gullede	Tom Durden	Greg Nash	David Gullede
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner	Zeke Poskevich
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Anthony Stinson	Brad Hopkins	Lewis Armstrong	Dave Poskevich
Preside Lord's Supper	Hugh Kelly	Reggie Graham	Greg Curtis	Paul Lyons
Server	Cliff Nash	Rick Sharpe	Cliff Nash	Rick Sharpe
Server	Anthony Ravenell	Tim Tittle	Anthony Ravenell	Tim Tittle
Server	Ben Rogers	James Walker	Ben Rogers	James Walker
Server	Andrew Dalman	Troy Cook	Andrew Dalman	Troy Cook
Server	Bill Ruffer	Larry Fields	Bill Ruffer	Larry Fields
Server	Tommy Chapman	Gayle Pelfrey	Tommy Chapman	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Jack Sorrell	Steve Burdette	Jack Sorrell	Steve Burdette
Server	Randall Bell	Charles Nash	Randall Bell	Charles Nash
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gullede	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	David Gullede	Tom Durden	Greg Nash	David Gullede
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden	Jim Garner	Greg Nash
Evening Worship				
Announcements	David Gullede	Tom Durden	Greg Nash	David Gullede
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Curtis Hurt	Steve Hopkins	Eric Hagin	Keith Killingsworth
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gullede	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Cliff Nash	Rick Sharpe	Bill Ruffer	Troy Cook
Lord's Supper	Anthony Ravenell	James Walker	Jack Sorrell	Paul Lyons
Prayer	Ferdinan Brumant	John Mullis	Tad Durden	Larry Rose

Adult Spring Bible Studies

April 7th — July 3rd

Sunday at 9am
Roman—Hebrews
David Rogers
Auditorium

Ladies Class, room 121
Luann Rogers
Simply Blessed

Youth Adults, room 208
Brad Hopkins

Wednesday at 7pm
Job—Song of Solomon
David Riley
Auditorium

In Search of the Lord's Way
with Phil Sanders
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am
14—Dealing With Anxiety
21—Dealing With Discouragement
28—Dealing With Pain

Worship Assignment Coordinator for April: Ron James

Communion Preparation
Linda Howell
Nursery

7 Molly Curtis, 14 RuPearl Sharpe
21 Sally Wallace & 28 Sandy Garner
May 5 Shonda Humphreys

Care of Building
1-15 Rick Sharpe/Curtis Hurt
16-30 Jack Sorrell/Paul Lyons

Ushers

Media Center Helpers
7 & 14 Tad Durden
21 & 28 Reggie Graham
May 5 & 12 Brad Hopkins
19 & 26 Ben Rogers

Wednesday Evening Devotional
10 Ferdinan Brumant
17 Brad Hopkins
24 James Walker

May 1 Lewis Armstrong, 8 Dave Rogers
15 David Gullede & 24 David Hopkins

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Hugh Kelly

Keith Killingsworth

Andy Johnson

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David Poskevich

Anthony Ravenell

David Riley

Rick Sharpe

Jack Sorrell

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Raintree Village
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday
Morning Bible Class
(September 4 - May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible
Study



April 2019

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. " 1 Cor.15:58

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