

## ESCAPING THE CONSEQUENCE:

Ye shall not surely die. Gen. 3,4.

God in his first command concerning the forbidden fruit wrote out the capitols of justice and set fourth the unalterable fact of the nature and consequence of sin.

He was venticating His holiness and expressing the utter impossibility of Sin and Gods Holiness ever reaching any degree of reconciliation.

God in his holiness cannot look upon sin with any degree of allowence.

The very nature and character of sin carries with a terrible consequence.

By the sin of one man death passed upon all.  
The far reaching consequence of sin increases the terrow of its nature.

Lust when it is conceived bringeth fourth sin and sin when it is finished bringeth fourth death.  
This shows the gruesome process of sin in man.

Gods word in the beginning is the expression of the overtones of justice. THE DAY YE EAT THEREOF YE SHALL SURELY DIE.

Then the Soul that sinneth it shall die.

Be not deceived for God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Be sure your sins shall find you out.

This paints a dark picture and we preachers have been preaching this down the years. This is a gloomy picture to paint to a man who has committed his midnight crime. This makes it almost impossible for a man who has broken every law of God and man to even make an attempt to get to God.

The Narrative of Jesus about the creditor who called in a debtor and said pay me all thou owest. But he could not and He cast Him in prison until he could pay the debt.

That was an impossibility. He could not pay the debt. The only alternative was to die in prison.

Just rot away because he could not pay the debt.

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We have formed our thinking and our theology from such a background.

We believe in the consequence of sin and we might quickly associate a man's trouble and suffering with his sin.

We haven't gotten very far from Job's comforters yet.

We agree with the Disciples on their theory when they ask Jesus about the poor blind man. Master who did sin this man or his parents that he was born blind? See how ridiculous this theory gets in its final analysis.

This is not the whole story. There is another law another provision that suggests something of the possibility of escaping the ~~possibility of~~ consequence of sin.

God did not do away with the law that the soul that sinneth it shall die. But in Jesus Christ he wrote another law that was greater.

Satan might not have known what he was saying when he uttered these words but he uttered a prophecy. Ye shall not surely die.

Then in the Gen 3:15 there was the terrible blight the serpent shall bruise thy heel. But out of that perpetual bruising He said He shall bruise thy Head. There is the fight back. the Possibility of coming back from the dead and living again.

Behold Abraham binding Isaac and laying him on the altar and raising the knife. But right in the nick of time. Abraham, Abraham. Touch not thy child. Here is a Ram in the bushes Take Him and let him bear the consequence.

There was the Scape Goat and the Dove that bore the sins of the people and they escaped the consequence.

Justice marches through the Old Testament but always there are the undertones of mercy where a man can escape the consequence.

Take Daniel in the lions den. It was the nature of lions to eat. The natural consequence was for Daniel

to be eaten up. Devored.

But when they put him in the natural thing didnt happen.

Somebody, some power mightier than the law of nature appetite of a blood loving, man eating lion had gone in ahead of daniel and locked the lions jaw. Thus he escaped the consequence.

The Hebrew children in the Furnace of fire.

The nature of fire to burn.

In fact it slew those who threw them in.

But there was a law greater than the law of fire to burn. The burn was taken out of the fire. In that firefurnace there was a fourth man. That man was the Son of God there we have the man responsible for escaping the consequence of sin.

Let us examine this law of sin and death in the new testament.

I believe that there is a law greater than the Law of sin and death.

A law greater than the law of sowing and reaping.

Look at the old time worn law you reap what you sow.

That is a fact woven into the fiber of this Universe But this fact thought old and established- Jesus Christ wrote a higher law.

I am going to make a statement that there is a law that says a man does not have to ~~reap~~ what he sows

Let us analyse the law of sowing and reaping.

We reap a thousand times what we sow. The pease the Govt. gave us. One pint. if sowed ten years would yield a million bushels. (other things being equal)

WE reap more than we sow. What about the man who spends many years of his life in sin and gets to God near the end. Where will he reap his evil life. What about the thief on the cross?

Listen to the apostle.

FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS HATH MADE ME FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.

What does sanctification do for us.

KNOWING THIS THAT OUR OLD MAN IS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DESTROYED THAT

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HENCEFOURTH WE SHOULD NOT SERVE SIN.

IF SANCTIFICATION does what we preach it does it destroys the seed of sin and is the seed is dead and destroyed how can ~~we~~ there be any fruits of sin to reap.

Thank God the man who is in the Prison till he pays the debt has a friend outside who comes up and pays the debt for him.

He has a Kinsman redeemer outside who pay the debt for him.

There is a man who locks the lions mouth and takes the Burn out of the fire.

Old Sandy and the Geography where he read that the ocean was seven miles deep.

God put his sins in the sea.  
My sins are gone, I have no fear they are as if they had never been.

The devil cannot torment me with my past it it gone. I have found a law that is greater than the consequer

The preacher called to the bedside of the poor girl dieing in shame.  
" though your sins be as scarlet they shall as white as snow though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool.

Listen to the thief on the cross: W<sup>m</sup> indeed die justly for our crime but this man hath done nothing amiss--- But he couldnt restrain himself, he too cried out, Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. Then Jesus snatched him away from the law that he was dieing Justly.  
Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.