

## **What does sin cost Us (Part 2) :** **Romans 6:14-23**

In part one of this lesson we looked at what sin cost Satan, Adam, God, and Jesus Christ. We also discussed how that if a person rejects the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior that ultimately sin will cost them death and there soul. In this lesson we are going to deal with what sin cost a person who is saved.

Once you are born again you are also spiritually circumcised according to **Colossians 2:9-13**. As a result of this you are sealed unto the day of redemption by the Holy Spirit of God (**Ephesians 4:30**). Therefore as a saved person when you sin after salvation you do not lose your salvation but there are some things that you can lose. Now **Romans 6:14-23** is an important passage in regards to this topic and we will look at it and see what we can learn.

### **What is the passage telling us :**

1) We are under grace and not the law (verse 14)

- The whole point of the law was to teach you what sin was (**Romans 7:7**). But now that we are saved by grace through faith (**Ephesians 2:8-9**) sin does not have dominion over us.
- This is not saying that you will never sin but that as a saved person you should not let sin have dominion over you.

2) We do not have a license to sin (verse 15)

- Many think that because we have eternal security that we have a license to sin, but as this verse says we do not. When we do sin after Salvation we do need forgiveness of that sin and to get it out of our lives and not let it have dominion over us and that is why we have Jesus Christ as our advocate (**1 John 2:1-2**)

3) To whom ye yield is who you serve (verse 16)

- Notice the word yield. To yield when driving mean to give way to the other vehicle. This is exactly what happens when we sin as a saved person. We give way to our flesh.
- As a result of the spiritual circumcision that we mentioned earlier a saved person has 2 natures, the old man and the new man. The old man is the flesh and that is the part of us that still wants to sin after salvation.
- So when we are tempted to sin we will have a choice to make. We will either yield to the flesh and sin or we will yield to the new man and avoid the sin. The choice is ours.

4) The result of Salvation is that we are freed from being the servants of sin (verses 17-20)

- Before salvation we were a slave to sin. After salvation we have been freed from being a slave to sin. That does not mean we will not sin but that we are no longer under the bondage of being a slave to sin.

- Before salvation our flesh was yielded to sin automatically but now as a result of Salvation we should yield our members (that is our flesh) as servants to righteousness unto holiness. (verse 19)
- 5) The fruit of sin is shame and death and the fruit of righteousness is holiness unto Everlasting Life (verse 21-22)
- Thanks to the gift of God we can now have everlasting life. Therefore we should strive to yield ourselves to the Lord for his work and not to our flesh for our own desires and pleasures.

### **What does sin cost a saved Person :**

#### 1) Joy and Peace (**Nehemiah 8:10 ; Ephesians 6:10**)

- In Nehemiah we see that the joy of the Lord is our strength. And in Ephesians we see that we are to do everything in the strength of the Lord, especially overcome sin.
- Now sin always destroys and makes one weaker. You are never made stronger by sin. Therefore when we as a saved person sin and do not get it out of our lives it makes us weaker spiritually.
- Some of the most miserable people on the earth are saved people who continue to sin and never get it right with God. They may have fun with sin for a while but fun and joy are not the same. Joy and peace is what brings true happiness.

#### 2) Your Testimony (**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**)

- At the end of verse 27 Paul says “lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” Paul was not worried about losing his salvation but Paul did not ever want to lose his testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ so that he could not preach to others.
- Your testimony as a saved person is one of the most valuable things you have. Once you have ruined your testimony with certain people you will never get it back, and you might not ever get to help those people.
- Sin will cost you to lose your testimony and maybe your effectiveness for serving God so you had better be careful and guard it heavily.

#### 3) Your Rewards (**2 John 8**)

- As a saved person we are earning rewards that will be given to us at the Judgement Seat of Christ. Those rewards consist of crowns and reigning with the Lord Jesus Christ in the 1000 year millennial reign.
- Now sin can cost us those rewards. Now can you imagine standing before the Lord Jesus Christ died for your sins and having to watch all of your rewards burn up and have nothing to place at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is going to be really embarrassing for many saved people.
- A 2 John says you and I need to be careful to gain a full reward.

#### 4) Your Physical Life (**Romans 6:16** ; **1 John 5:16**)

- Both of these verses have the phrase “sin unto death” found in them. This is not one specific sin that causes people to die. In the Bible people died for many different sins and some others committed those same sins and did not die immediately.
- This sin unto death is talking about when a saved person continues to sin after being chastened and warned by God over and over without getting it right God may take that person out of this world. Now remember that they do not lose their salvation but they may die before their time (**Ecclesiastes 7:17**).
- Remember God leaves us on earth after salvation to accomplish something for him and if we ruin our testimony to the point of being not useful for God why would he leave us here do to more damage to his name sake.

