

## When A Christian Sins

When a Christian sins their sin ...

**IV: Brings a \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ:** 2 Sam. 12:14

One of the \_\_\_\_\_ things that the sin of a Christian does is it brings a reproach on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

2 Samuel 12:14 ... ***howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme***

How is it that the sins of the preacher who falls goes viral on social media and becomes quickly known to the world?

How is that the sins of a faithful, yet fallen lay Christian are quickly made known throughout workplaces and with unsaved family members?

What shame and reproach our failure and sin brings on the whole cause of Christ!

And so, when a Christian sins there are external consequences; consequences that impact others, can be seen by others, can be felt by others, and can be used by others to blaspheme our Lord.

When a Christian sins and they refuse to acknowledge it, to recognize it, and to confess it, then they can expect ...

- chastisement
- God closing His ears to their prayer life
- their sin impacting others that they love ... and sometimes those that they don't love
- and they can expect that their sin will bring a reproach upon the cause, name, and work of the Jesus Christ.

All sin should be taken seriously! Is there something you need to confess to the Lord today?

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Part 1—External Consequences

Ps. 19:13

*“Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.”*

We begin this morning with a new series called *When A Christian Sins*.

Sadly, there is much confusion in the hearts and minds of Christians regarding sin in their life. Thankfully, the Word of God helps us to understand that all sin, both in the lost person's life and in the believer's life, has serious consequences.

This morning we will see that when a Christian sins, there are some very serious external consequences for both confessed and unconfessed sin.

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**I: They Can Expect \_\_\_\_\_:**

Heb. 12:4-8, 10

The level and method of chastisement belongs to God but Hebrews 12:4-8 gives us some clarity on God's chastisement.

A. the \_\_\_\_\_ of chastisement: v6

God's chastisement proves the certainty of God's love and every child of God WILL indeed experiences chastisement for their sin.

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B. the \_\_\_\_\_ of chastisement: v7

When God brings chastisement, His desire is not for us to resist it but to endure it and learn from it and while chastisement includes a certain punishment aspect to it, it again verifies God's love for us.

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C. the \_\_\_\_\_ of chastisement: v8

God makes the very clear statement that when a child of God sins, and every child of God sins, that chastisement will follow. And to the person who claims to be saved but never experiences chastisement, their salvation is in question.

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**II: Close God's Ears to their \_\_\_\_\_:** Is. 59:1-3

In this passage we are clearly warned that sin shuts up heaven to our prayers. We must understand ...

A. it is God's \_\_\_\_\_ not to hear our prayers: v1

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B. God gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ He doesn't hear our prayers.

Any known sin, unconfessed, unjudged, unforsaken, makes it so that God cannot honorably and righteously give us many of the things we ask for and need, because God cannot put himself in the position of endorsing our sins when he answers the prayers of sinning a Christian who doesn't judge themselves and their sins and won't turn from those sins.

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**III: \_\_\_\_\_ their Loved Ones:** Ex. 20:5-6 / 2 Sam. 12  
For the Jew in the Old Testament, the sin of Idolatry (violation of the 1st and 2nd commandment) would bring a generational curse upon one's family. Since we are not Jewish nor under the law but are rather under the blood and in Christ, this generational curse, so to speak, does not apply. However, sin does still impact our loved ones and future generations.

David's sin with Bathsheba impacted ...

A. the \_\_\_\_\_ born to Bathsheba

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

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D. \_\_\_\_\_

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