

When A Christian Sins– Part 2

When a Christian sins, they experience ...

III: The Loss of the Holy Spirit's _____:

John 16

Beyond the Holy Spirit's leading, there are other aspects of His ministry that are designed to help us live for the Lord, yet when a Christian sins they sometimes lose all contact with the Holy Spirit.

A. the Holy Spirit's _____ is hindered: John 16

Not only can sin cause a Christian to doubt their salvation but it also hinders the Holy Spirit's work to convince and convict us of our sin.

B. His _____ is hindered: Is. 59:2

Unconfessed sin will hinder a person's ability to follow God's will and to live in His will because our sin separates us from God.

C. Our _____ is hindered

When there are presumptuous (willful) sins in our life, we are willfully allowing our sin to 1) take away our passion for souls and soul-winning and 2) take away our God-given power and ability to live a godly life that's pleasing to Christ.

What a price we pay for our sin that we willfully give up all the power, all the prosperity, and the plan that God has for us by willfully clinging onto our sin.



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Part 2—Internal 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.”

Last week we began a new series called *When A Christian Sins*. We discovered that when Christian sins they can expect chastisement, God's ears to be closed to their prayer life, their loved ones will be impacted, and they bring a reproach on Christ.

This week, we continue to clear up the confusion by examining the internal consequences that are the result of a Christian willfully sinning against God.

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When a Christian sins their sin causes ...

I: A Loss of _____: Psalm 51

Every Christian should demonstrate throughout their life, both in good times and in difficult times ... joy. Yet even within our churches there still exists depression, bitterness, anger, and unhappiness—much of which is attributable to sin.

The loss of joy comes by way of ...

A. the smiting of our _____

And by way of ...

B. the _____ of the Holy Spirit

In Psalm 51, a heartbroken David prays to God after his sin with Bathsheba...

v8-13 ... **8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

David did not pray, “restore to me thy salvation”, he prayed “restore to me the joy of thy salvation”

David knew that only with the confessing of sin, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and only by being upheld and helped to walk straight, could his conscience be cleaned and the joy of his salvation restored.

Do you remember the joy in your heart when you first got saved? Understand, unconfessed and unrebuked sin will rob you of that joy.

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When a Christian sins their sin can cause the Christian to ...

II: Miss the Holy Spirit’s _____:

John 14:15-17 / John 16:13-14

Every day Christian living involves the Holy Spirit speaking to the Christian’s heart desiring to guide and direct that Christian as to how they walk and behave.

A. the _____ for His leading

If the Holy Spirit is going to lead a person towards righteousness, it always begins with Him leading them first to Jesus Christ for salvation. John 3:16

Are you 100% certain that you are saved today? If not, don’t let your sin keep you from hearing and believing the Gospel.

B. the _____ of His leading

Sin and self always desire to lead us according to their own desires. The Holy Spirit always leads according to the revealed Word of God. In John 14 and John 16, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the “*Spirit of truth*”

If there is sin in a believer’s life, they are quenching the Holy Spirit’s ability to effectively guide and lead that person *unto all truth*.

How sad it is when a believer, who is living a joyful and effective Christian life, suddenly begins to miss the Holy Spirit’s leading because they’ve allowed sin to go unchecked and unconfessed.

If you have a difficult time in hearing from God, and you’ve missed His leading your life, ask God to reveal in you any sin that might be the cause.
