

# Sin Has Consequences, Jesus is the Key

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The Cure Arrived

## Ivan Parker's Testimony

**Our Text:** [Gen 3:1-5 KJV] 1 Now the serpent was more subtil (cunning, crafty) than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

## Humanity Died In the Garden

Gen 3:7 KJV] 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

**This Death Came to Us too:** [Rom 5:12-14 KJV] 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

[Rom 5:12-14 NLT] 12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died--from the time of Adam to the time of Moses--even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.

## Humans were created in the image of God.

[Gen 1:27 KJV] 27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

## **Body, Soul or Mind, and Spirit**

[1Th 5:23 KJV] 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jhn 10:10 KJV] 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

## **Soul Never Dies. All of Us have Eternity to Face. Only God has power over the Soul of a Man**

[Mat 10:28 KJV] 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

[Ecc 12:7 KJV] 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

## **Their Mind Changed Focus on themselves instead of God**

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## **The Human Lens is Against God**

[Rom 8:7 KJV] 7 Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

## **Humans are Not What God Created Us to Be**

[Gen 3:17-18 KJV] 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

[Rom 8:22-23 KJV] 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body.

## **Consequences of Choices made through Unbelief**

### **Many Didn't Believe When the Messiah Came to them**

**Jesus Wept over Jerusalem:** [Luk 19:42-44 KJV] 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things [which belong] unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

## **We Still Don't Believe Today, God's Anger Against Wickedness**

[Rom 1:18 NLT] 18 But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

## **The Soul that Sins will Die**

[Eze 18:20 KJV] 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

## **No Excuse For Unbelief**

[Rom 1:18-21 NLT] 18 But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. 19 They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. 20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. 21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

## **God Lets Us Go Our Own Way**

Creating our own image of God. Ex. He is on my side. He is loving so he won't punish me. (Mother Teresa) [Rom 13:4 KJV] 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to [execute] wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Bill Maher: NPR Accused of slanting their message among other things. They suspended the only editor against the mission. "And he pointed out, for example, that of the 87 people working in editorial positions there, 87 are Democrats. Even if you're a Democrat, you can't think this is good," Maher said.

The HBO host later pivoted to how Berliner's essay noted subgroups within NPR like "MGIPOC" (Marginalized Genders and Intersex People of Color), "Mi Gente" for "Latinx" employees, "NPR Noir" for Black employees and "Ummah" for Muslim employees.

## **This is PG-13 Stuff**

[Rom 1:26, 28-32 NLT] 26 That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ... 28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. 30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. 31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. 32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

## **The Cure for Sin was Foretold at that time**

[Gen 3:15 KJV] 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

## **The Cure Arrived A Bit Over 2000 Years Ago**

[Jhn 4:20, 24-26 KJV] 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ... 24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am [he].

## **Christian Focus**

[1Ti 4:13 NLT] 13 Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.