

Sin Unto Death

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? (Rom. 6:16). If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this (1 John 5:16).

The sin unto death refers to the judgment of God for believers who are under the state of prolonged carnality and who has deliberately ignored the warnings and intensive discipline. Prolonged residence in the cosmic system without the volition to rebound could lead to sin unto death

Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered over to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme (1 Tim. 1:20).

The apostle Paul mentioned Alexander and Hymenaeus who suffered the sin unto death because of their prolonged reversionism as indicated by the term blaspheme, an indication of prolonged rejection of God's plan, purpose, and will. The believer thus lives in maximum rejection of Bible doctrine and habitual disobedience.

Sin unto death is the final stage of divine discipline for the carnal believer who has lived according to the power of old sin nature or flesh and did not advance to spiritual maturity. The grace of God extends to every believer even those living in the world and for the world (1 John 2:15).

Dying discipline (1 Cor. 11:30) or sin unto death (1 John 5:16) is the horrible departure from time into eternity. It is administered after severe jolting the habitually rebellious believer into objectivity but refuse to respond positively.

Such Christian has no inner resources for meeting death, no capacity for life and no capacity for death. Not every Christian who fails in his spiritual life and continues in negative volition is removed immediately from this life.

God may keep a carnal believer alive for a long time under the intensive discipline. God employs these eternally saved "enemies of the cross" (Phil. 3:18) as instrument of momentum suffering in the lives of growing believers. The candidates for sin unto death are called cosmic Christians, who are also called:

- Enemies of the cross
- Enemies of God (James 4:4)
- Haters of God (John 15:23)
- Anti-Christ's (1 John 2:18)
- Hostile toward God (Rom 8:7)
- Men of flesh (1 Cor. 3:1-3)
- Doubled minded (James 4:8)
- Agents of the devil (1 John 3:8)
- Disciples of the devil (1 John 3:10)

The only reason God sustains the lives of some negative believers is to use them to train the growing believers. They failed to execute the plan of God but God uses them to build up the strength of others. Their "ministry" is not a Christian's calling, and there is no reward for such work of persecuting the growing and advancing believers. They are the goats in the sheepfolds that provide the necessary physical exercises for the fattening sheep.

God alone has the prerogative to remove immediately or to allow a sinning believer to stay on earth for a long time. The issue is the degree of rejection of Bible doctrine. The issue is the believer's mental attitude toward Bible doctrine not the commission of sin.

If God is going to destroy everyone who has committed grave sins against Him, then this planet will be empty human beings. God has already solved the problem of sins through the spiritual death of Christ on the cross. In the same way, God is not going to punish people in hell because of sins which Christ has already paid with His death. Nobody is going to hell for sins but merely for rejection of Bible doctrine.

These cosmic believers on the verge of maximum intensive discipline may be sincere, sweet, and legalistic who have distorted genuine Christianity into a religion of human good works. They are moral degenerates and negative volition believers in Satan's system who ambush the positive believers residing in divine system.

The believer who is going in the wrong direction (prolonged carnality) unconsciously contributes to the growth of the advancing believer who is in the right direction (Psalm 76:10). The perfect integrity of God manages the administration of sin unto death, which is designed to remove the calloused and rebellious believer from the face of the earth by means of physical death. Sin unto is a reminder that we never get away with negative mental attitude or with any personal sin. The manner of physical death can be swift, natural or even brutal depending on the lifestyle of the carnal believer.

God has never overlooked any member of His royal family and no believer is ever ignored by the grace of God. At the perfect time God will supply the just discipline to remind the believer of what is really important in life. Sin unto death is the exclusive domain of the carnal and immature believers who failed to live under the Plan of Grace.

The immature believer will die apart from true peace, inner happiness and tranquility. It will be an extremely painful death. The carnal believer will die with anxiety for loved ones he will leave behind, he has false hope of eternal rewards and falsely assured of blessing in eternity. He will die with too much bitterness and fear, even the fear of death. The only solution for all of these problems is Bible doctrine stored in the soul.

Sin unto death is the opposite of dying grace in which the spiritually mature believer departs from this world in tremendous expression of grace. During the dying moment of such spiritually mature believer, there is no physical pain and agony, there is no fear for facing the Lord Jesus Christ and there is no fear for the future of those he is going to leave behind. He is certain that his heritage impact.

There is no such thing as premature or untimely death because death will come exactly on God's appointed time not even one minute advance late or advance. Medical science cannot prolong the life of a patient; but they can only relieve the patient from some physical pains. The appointment of every person with death is certain and definite (Heb. 9:27) and nobody can delay or advance it. Though God may allow the manner of death as decided by the volition of a person, the time of death is His exclusive prerogative.

The sin unto death may occur in swift and shocking manner or in prolonged and anticipated sickness. A spiritually mature believer and a carnal believer may die in the same viral epidemic or bomb explosion but the difference is in their spiritual status. Both died in the same manner but the spiritually mature believer died in tremendous blessings while the reversionist died in severe pain and fear.

The first died in confident anticipation while the latter in absolute hopelessness and anxiety of seeing the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. The life of the believer who is going to die the sin unto death lives continually in all or any of the following:

- Rejection of God and His Bible Doctrine
- Rejection of God*s plan and His purpose
- Irreverence, sacrileges and profanity
- Lovers of the world and things of the world
- Acceptance of human viewpoints

Every believer has the potential to grow and advance in the spiritual life or become a potential collaborator of the devil though he is a member of the royal family of God. Believers without Bible doctrine can easily become instruments of Satan for inflicting sufferings to advancing believers (Acts 20:29-30).

Two categories of sin unto death:

- A. Actual death: This is because in God's plan, there is no longer any use for the believer to remain on earth. Annanias and Saphira Acts 5.1-11, Saul and his sons: 1 Sam. 28.16-19; 1 Chron. 10.13-14, the Exodus generation: Numbers 14.20-33, Balaam: Numbers 31.1-8, Revelation 3.16
- B. Living death: Under a Divine indictment of death, and from the human perspective, in a sickness situation which is terminal (Recovery is possible through rebound)1 Cor. 5.1-5 (recovery 2 Cor. 2.5-11), Numbers 12.9-15 – Miriam, Hezekiah: Is. 38.1, Moses: Ex. 4.24-26. Sometimes a comatose situation may be the "living death" discipline.

The devil will use the negative volition of the carnal believers to distract the concentration of those advancing towards maturity.

Spiritual maturity is the gateway for glorification of Jesus Christ since it puts the believer in maximum capacity for receiving the blessings of time and eternity. The blessings that we receive because of spiritual maturity glorify Jesus Christ in time.

Characteristics of sin unto death:

- Maximum insecurity, fear and anxiety
- Maximum self-righteous arrogance
- Maximum panic and confusion
- Maximum negative mental attitude
- End of opportunity and privilege to advance and growth in the plan of God
- Total loss of blessing in time and eternity
- Maximum pain and agony of the soul
- Maximum regret and remorse

Deception of sin unto death:

- Fake peaceful death – false serenity and peace
- Fake happy death –false happiness
- Fake satisfaction – false fulfilled life

Factors that leads to sin unto death:

- Rejection to receive daily doctrinal instruction
- Rejection to retain and metabolize Bible doctrine
- Rejection to apply Bible doctrine to life experience
- Refusal to pay respect and concentrate to the Word of God
- Resisting the conviction of the Holy Spirit to rebound and continue in the Bible doctrine.

Prescription to avoid sin unto death:

- Consistent filling of the Holy Spirit
- Consistent intake of Bible doctrine
- Concentration (recall and retention) of doctrine
- Consistent application of rebound and recovery
- Constantly yielding to the conviction of the Holy Spirit



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