

Open to mark 3:28-30. We are focusing our study today on the potential results of sin.

Twelve years ago today, I sat behind the wheel of a van loaded with 3,000 bibles in Krakow, Poland. It was just past midnight. We were gliding silently backward through an archway in the dawn when it happened so fast.

Crash...Bang...Boom!

PARALYZED BY THE MOMENT OR FAR WORSE (STOP)

Sin can paralyze your spiritual life! Remember what it does?

1. Peter said sin blocks prayer (I Peter 3:7)
2. Paul said sin disqualifies runners (I Corinthians 4:27)
3. Sin limits usefulness (2 Titus 2:21)
4. Sin hinders growth (I Corinthians 3:1-3)
5. Sin grieves God (Ephesians 4:30)
6. Sin breaks fellowship (I Corinthians 10:21)
7. David said sin robs joy (Psalm 51;12)
8. David said sin stifles praise (Psalm 33;1)
9. Jeremiah said sin withholds blessing (Jeremiah 5:25)

⇒ **THAT'S PARALYSIS! BUT IT CAN BE WORSE**

10. Writer of Hebrews said sin invites chastening (Hebrews 12:5 -11)

And Finally:

11. Paul and John both said sin threatens life.

Well, that night 23 years ago was a display of the evident hand of God. 10 floors of balconies and curtained windows stayed shut and barking dogs quieted, and we left our precious treasure in the rough calloused hands of moist-eyed, grateful saints. Our God is good.

But the end of sin's story isn't so good. Turn to Mark 7:14-23 to see the result of the second sin unto death – sexual sins.

Sexual sins are biblically defined as:

- ❖ **Fornication** – Any sexual contact outside of marriage
- ❖ **Adultery** – Any mental / physical sexual contact with a person you aren't married to
- ❖ **Uncleanness** – Any prurient thoughts, deeds, pictures, sounds, movies, places that cause immoral desires and actions

Sexual sins are often first in every list of New Testament sins.

Look at v. 21 (Mark).

Now: Romans 1:24
Galatians 5:19
Revelations 21:8

Now, back to Revelations 2:14, 20

THE SECOND SIN UNTO DEATH IS UNREPENTANT SEXUAL SIN.

Note the error: v.14

1. Allow false teaching in
2. Abandon Holy living
3. Allow sexual sins to go on

The same thing v. 20

Result: v.16 – warning
v. 21-23 – sickness and death

Let me just speak frankly:

- ❖ Flee youthful lust
- ❖ Turn away from all forms of impurity

Let's close with some implementation.

How do you avoid this?

No one wants God's judgment, right?

So what can you do?

Write these down; pairs of contrasts:

Genesis 39 – **Joseph fled** immorality

- ❖ Potiphar's wife practiced the direct method – propositioning. Joseph fled!

2 Samuel 11 – **David stayed**

- ❖ He noticed, watched, enjoyed, sought out and sinned and paid for it dearly. He lost that son, his standing, he got family strife, national calamity, great sickness and finally forgiveness. What a price.

Daniel 1 – **Daniel separated** from world

Judges 16 – **Samson sought** and found sexual impurity – and he lost his honor, his eyes gorged, health broken and ultimately his life. What a price!

If started – stop with God’s help (I Corinthians 10:13). No temp

If falling – flee by God’s grace (2 Timothy 2:22) flee – follow

If defiled – clean up through God’s Word (Hebrews 9:14, 10:22). Purge dead works.

If not, there is a sin that leads to death – I John 5:16. This is one!