

# The Consequences of a Corrupted Conscience

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*"We see the world, not as it is, but as we are; Or, as we are conditioned to see it." Stephen Covey*

If this is true, then it's important to understand who (or what) conditions our perception! Ro 12:1-3

**Reflection:** We've been examining the Cause (sources) of our contaminated conscience.

They include: Satan (2 Cor 4:4); Self interest/perspective (Jer. 17:9) and Sin (Ro. 1:21).

The actual historic roots of "Valentines day" (Lupercalia) illustrates this contamination.

<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-rome/lupercalia>

**Direction:** This morning we'll discuss the Consequences (effects) of our corrupted consciences.

## 1. Shortsighted-ness.

**A. Satan, Selfishness and Sin are all Seasonal!**

- 1) Moses Recognized this! Heb. 11:25,26 *"Choosing rather to suffer affliction... than to enjoy the pleasures of sin ... For he had respect (from blepo: aware of) unto the recompense of the reward" (apodidōmi: remuneration!)*
- 2) Solomon learned this! Eccl 11:9 *"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; ... and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." (12:13,14)*
- 3) The rich fool learned this (too late!) Lk 12:16-21

**B. They produce a spiritual Myopia (near sightedness) that blinds us to:**

- 1) God's plan/purposes. Mt 16:21-27 23 *"He ... said to Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense (skandalon: snare. trap) unto me: for thou savorest not (Phroneo: interest, regard, value; {from phren: to understand, recognize}) the things that be of God, but those that be of men. 24 Then said Jesus ..., If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, (aparne'omai: disown! {1 Cor 6:19,20}) and take up his cross, and follow me"*
- 2) Our own ultimate prosperity. 25-27 *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: (Apollymi: destroy {waste}) and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, (ōphele'ō: benefited) if he gain the whole world, and lose (zēmio'ō: injure) his own soul? Or What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward (apodidōmi: recompense) every man according to his works." (See also 1 Cor 3:9-15)*

## 2. Suffering:

**A. The Popular path ends in pain.**

Mt 7:13 *"broad is the way that leadeth to destruction" (apōleia: Perdition, Destruction, Waste!)*

Pr 14:12 *"There's a way which seems right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death."*

**B. This is Satan's Name and Nature! Rev 9:11** *"And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." (The Destroyer!)*

Jn 10:10 *"The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy!"*

**C. This is Satan's ultimate destiny!**

- 1) Hell was created for Him, and those who follow him. Mt 25:41; Isaiah 14:12-14; Rev 20:10.  
The next time Satan reminds you of your past, remind him of his future!

## 3. Separation: Is 59:1-2 *"your iniquities have separated between you and your God,"*

**A. From God's Presence (Fellowship)**

Gen. 3:8,10 *"Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God ... I was afraid"*

1 Jn 1:6 *"If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth"*

## B. From God's Peace

1) Peace (eirē'nē) comes from eiro: "to join"!

"Know God, Know Peace" . Gal 5:22 *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."*

No God, no Peace! Is 59:8 *"The way of peace they know not"* (Is 48:22; 57:21) *"no peace to the wicked"*

## C. From God's Paths Jn 14:6 *"I am the way..."*

Ps 16:11 *"thou shalt show me the path of life..."*

Pr 4:18 *"the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."*

19 *The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what the stumble"*

## D) From God's Plan for our Prosperity. Jn 10:10

Ro. 14:23 *"whatsoever is not of faith is sin"*

James 4:17 *"to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."*

**Hamartia, from hamartano: to miss the mark and so not share the prize.**

**Conclusion: The consequences of Satan, Self and Sin are ultimately Shortsightedness (temporary focus); Suffering and eventual (possibly eternal) Separation.**

Ps 9:16-17 *"The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. (from hāgâ: mediate) Selah. (pause)*

*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. "*

Ro. 6:23 *"The wages of sin is death!"* Ezek. 18:4,20 *"the soul that sinneth, it shall die."*

Mt 7:22-23 *"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not... done many marvelous works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

**This is sin's ultimate destiny!**

Rev. 20:12-14 *"I saw the dead, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life:... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12; 21:27; 22:19

John 8:24 *"for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins..."* See Jn 3:18;36

## Application:

**Genuine believers will be spared from this Judgment, but not all judgment!**

2 Tim 2:19 *"Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. (Jn 10:27) And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."*

Eccl 12:13,14 *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, (See Heb. 4:12,13) whether it be good, or whether it be evil."*



2 Cor 5:10,11 *"we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."*

17 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."*