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Does Sin Still Exist and Does It Have Consequences?

The Christmas season has begun, but millions of people will miss the meaning of Christmas all because they don't understand and believe why Jesus came. He came because we desperately needed someone to save us from our sins and the disastrous consequences of our sins.

Matthew 1:18-22; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8-9

Satan is effectively deceiving millions of people, including Christians, into believing there is no such thing as sin or moral absolutes. *Judges 17:6; Psalm 14:1-2; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 4:17-19; John 3:19-20*

True Christians accept the Bible as God's defining Word and final authority on what is right and wrong in every generation, every situation and in every culture. *2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:160; Ps 119: 9; Psalm 119:11; Psalm 119:89; 1 John 3:4; Romans 7:7; 1 John 3:8*

True Christians celebrate Christmas because they know and believe what the Bible says about people, their sin, sin's deadly consequences, and the only person who can save them from their sin...

Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12-14; John 14:6

God loves us so much He tells us clearly and repeatedly what sin is so we don't hurt ourselves and others we love.

Exodus 20:3-4; Exodus 20:7-8; Exodus 20:12-17

Matthew 5:27-30; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

God also loves us by telling us the severe consequences of our sins. They are:

1. Slavery to Sin: *John 8:34; Amos 5:11-12*

2. Judgment on Future Generations:

Exodus 20:5

3. Moral and Spiritual Darkness: *Proverbs 4:19; Proverbs 14:12*

4. Moral Guilt: *Psalm 38:4*

5. National Destruction: *Jer. 12:17*

6. Wrath of God: *Romans 2:5; Eph. 5:6*

7. Personal Distress and Anxiety: *Romans 2:8; Proverbs 3:33*

8. Physical Death: *Romans 5:12*

God showed us how much He loved us by paying the price tag of our sin so we could receive a complete pardon and His eternal promises.

Ephesians 2:13; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 4:9-10; Colossians 1:13; 1 John 2:2

Christmas is so much more than "Happy Holidays" when you understand how desperately we all needed Jesus Christ to come and save us from our sins.

What will you do with Christ this Christmas?

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you love most about Christmas? What is your favorite carol? Why?

2. What sins did Jesus save you from? How do you see Satan deceiving people about sin and its consequences?

3. Review what God says is sin in His Word and review sin's consequences. What strikes you as compared to what the world says.

4. How will you adore Christ for saving you this Christmas?