

*"Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, **Until Ye Perish From Off This Good Land** which the LORD your God Hath Given you." **Joshua 23:11-13 KJV***



Do you think, because you are a believer that you are safe from God's Wrath? You may well be safe from Hell's fire, but you are not exempt from sin's consequences. God *"Maketh His Sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and Sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Be not deceived; God Is Not Mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* Entertainment is the most widely indulged appetite of believers, yet it does the most harm for it numbs us to evil. The aroma of cheese lures the mouse to its death. An unbaited trap is worthless and the bait is always something wholesome and good. A snake never forgets he's a snake, though you might, if you allow it to live in your house long enough. A man raised a python from a baby and had it all his life. They found him in his old age being eaten by his pet. No amount of cyanide is nonlethal and no amount of sin is without consequence. *"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting."* If you over-indulge any fleshly appetite it will destroy your body in the end. What you're reaping is what you sowed. No one is exempt. Addiction is an escape attempt gone wrong. Booze may seem harmless at first, but any social worker knows; it destroys lives and families! Where there's booze, there's smoking, immorality, cursing, drug abuse, and the list spirals downward from there. *"Mortify (kill) therefore your members (carnal desires) which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry."* Idolatry is anything usurping obedience to God's Word. *"Keep yourselves from idols. For which things' sake the Wrath of God Cometh on the children of disobedience."* You can't decide halfway down a cliff not to jump. Disobedience is the opposite of obedience. You either do one or the other. 1+1 equals 2; not 2.5 or 3. It is absolute. So is Truth. Partial Truth is a lie – Partial obedience is disobedience. Sow corn, reap corn. Sow sin, reap death! *"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren."* We sow Righteousness by knowing and obeying God's Word!

Walk carefully in righteousness,
Your life will fill with blessedness,
Each tiny step you take away,
You'll die a little ev'ry day. –CGP

God's Mercy And Grace Are Boundless And Free! You may return as often as necessary to His Feet in repentance and He Will Forgive And Cleanse you! *"If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins, and To Cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* The return to the obedience of God's Word is repentance. Christ Already Assumed your penalty and Paid your debt, but you must repent to have it applied to your account. *"Abraham believed God and It Was Counted to him for Righteousness."* Abraham's obedience was the Evidence of his Faith. Truth is Truth whether you believe it or not. Sin is a trap from which only God can Free us; if and when we repent. Unrepented sin traps and slowly kills you! *"Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord, Shall Be Saved."*

"I Tell you, 'Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!" Luke 13:3 KJV