

Grace Killer #5: Sin Consciousness

QUICK REVIEW

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Grace Killer #5 SIN CONSCIOUSNESS

Truth: Jesus died to set us free from sin consciousness.

Error: It important for us to be constantly aware of our sins, weakness, and where we are falling short so that we can continue to improve ourselves. We are encouraged to be introspective, constantly looking for any wickedness that might be present.

We need to become experts at identifying Grace Killer #5. It is multi-faceted. It is like a team of grace assassins. Freeing ourselves of this Grace Killer is core to our relationship with God because the glorious promises and provisions of the New Covenant are contingent on understanding that we are forgiven and that God is remembering our sins “no more” (Jer. 31:31-34). If we don’t understand that right now and every minute of every day we are right with God, and instead live in a constant state of sin consciousness, we cannot enjoy our relationship with God. We will always be in doubt of our standing with Him. We can’t have lasting peace. We can’t have true joy. We will be easily tossed with the next wave of false doctrine that either tries to show us in what way we aren’t right with God coupled with how to make it right or that tries to teach a new way to get “closer to God”.

How can anyone be at peace with God and have a one-on-one loving relationship with Him with no barriers if he thinks God is holding something against him? Do you have someone in your life who refuses to forgive you? How is your relationship with that person? I’m pretty sure it is not what you wish it could be. In fact, it might be the source of much sorrow and agony. Perhaps you’ve apologized again and again, but your sins are still being held against you. You might not even know why the person is upset with you because they won’t talk to you about it. You feel helpless to do anything to fix it. Or, you’ve been forgiven by him in the past, but now you have to walk on egg shells when you are around him for fear you might once again fall out of this person’s favor. You can never be yourself, never relax, never feel loved, and never enjoy being around him.

Friends, this is a reflection of how many people feel about their relationship with God. Yes, they were forgiven initially, but now that they are God’s children, they don’t ever quite feel “clear” with Him, and that sense of total forgiveness before God and the joy it brought is mostly a memory now. In their minds, He has become distant and indifferent toward them, and some people have no idea what they did to deserve God’s cold shoulder. What they need to know is that God has completely and forever forgiven us, and He is not keeping any records. He’s not angry with us. He isn’t waiting for us to “get it together” before He’ll pour out His love upon us. We walk righteous and holy before Him because of the blood of Jesus. Without this knowledge a person cannot be at peace with God.¹

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A. Before We Begin

When we speak of having no sin consciousness, we are NOT SAYING that we have no conscience. The conscience of a believer is stronger than that of a non-believer. God is working in us to desire and to do His will.

Titus 1:15²

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Hebrews 9:14

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

B. The first four Grace Killers come into play on this topic of Sin Consciousness.

➤ Grace Killer #1 Combining Covenants

Under the Law, sin separated us from God. Even though we are no longer under the Old Covenant, we still falsely teach people that their sin separates them from God. This cannot be true because under the New Covenant. He remembers our sins no more.

Isaiah 59:1-2 (Under the Old Covenant)

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened,

That it cannot save;

Nor His ear heavy,

That it cannot hear.

² *But your iniquities have separated you from your God;*

And your sins have hidden His face from you,

So that He will not hear.

Jeremiah 31:31, 34b (Under the New Covenant)

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ^{34b}For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

➤ Grace Killer #2 Redefining "Law"

Instead of teaching believers that they are free from all law, we teach them that they are still under the *moral* law. The problem is, law strengthens sin. So, while we are constantly preaching against sin using laws we are actually raising the likelihood that a believer will sin.

Romans 7:5

For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

1 Corinthians 15:56

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

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➤ **Grace Killer #3 Foolishness**

The church is constantly teaching us to try harder and do better when it comes to sin. The false reasoning is that Jesus forgave our past sins completely, but our new sins we have to deal with through confession and repentance.

Galatians 3:3

Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

➤ **Grace Killer #4 Ignorance**

The main Grace Killer that comes into play when it has to do with being free from a sin consciousness is that most Christians don't even know this is part of our inheritance. We also have a confused identity and are unaware of our freedom from sin.

C. **Proper Identity Concerning Sin**

➤ **Righteous Saint vs. Unrighteous Sinner**

Our identity: We are NOT sinners. We are "the righteous". We are not "just sinners saved by grace." This is very important because if we think we are sinners, we will assume that we will constantly struggle with sin. While it is true that we WERE sinners before we were saved by grace, we need to acknowledge the change God has accomplished in us through Jesus. We are now righteous saints. When we begin to see that we are righteous saints, we begin to live righteously.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such WERE some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Timothy 1:8-11

But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Romans 5:18-19

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17, 21

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

➤ **Dead to and Free from Sin vs. Needing to Constantly Die to Sin/Self**

Some insist that it is “impossible” for a Christian to not be under sin’s dominion. This flies in the face of scripture.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

➤ **Freedom from the Condemnation (Penalty) of Sin**

Romans 8:1-4 NASB

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

➤ **Freedom from Accusation**

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

➤ **Freedom from Separation**

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 13:5-6

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶

➤ **Permanently and Forever Forgiven of All Sin: Past, Present, and Future**

Colossians 2:13

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you ALL trespasses.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (Greek: is cleansing) us from all sin.

➤ **Freedom from the Consciousness of Sin**

Most believers have no idea that Jesus died to set us free from the Consciousness of Sin. They have been taught that we actually NEED to be made constantly aware of our sin (some pastors see this as their duty), even that the Holy Spirit is convicting us of sin. Here's the truth that can set us free.

Common Objections

There are MULTIPLE teachings common in the church today which are the result of misunderstanding scripture and of false church consensus. Space and time keep us from discussing each at length, but we do have teaching notes of several of these (or closely related teachings) available online at www.graceandfaithministries.org. (See the more specific links in the footnotes.)

We have a freedom from sin consciousness because of His perfection, not our own. We aren't free because we do everything perfectly. We are free because Jesus did everything perfectly.

Freedom from sin consciousness has EVERYTHING to do with relationship. God went to great lengths to bring about total peace between us and Him.

Freedom from sin consciousness is a GIFT as much as anything else we've been given via His sacrifice. In fact, it is accurate to say it is His death's crowning achievement.

1. **Using Old Covenant Scripture to set New Covenant theology.**³

This is especially common when quoting Psalms (written usually by people under the law who could only hope for what WE HAVE.

Examples: We sing from the Psalms, "Create in me a clean heart, oh, God". Christians already have a clean heart. We quote, "See if there be any wicked way in me," but we are new creations void of darkness.

2. **Misunderstanding of Repentance**

New Covenant repentance is understood by knowing what "repent" means. It means to change your mind. In the book of Acts we read that the repentance spoken of was that of repenting from not believing in Jesus. God calls all men everywhere to repent of this sin. In other areas, God works in us to bring about a change of mind which results in a changed behavior. Repentance is not throwing oneself on the altar and crying and begging for forgiveness. It isn't done in hopes of "getting right with God" because we ARE right with God. It is simply acknowledging that we are changing our thinking.

³ "The Psalms in Light of Grace" <http://graceandfaithministries.org/the-psalms-in-light-of-grace/>

3. Confused teachings about confession of sins, specifically 1 John 1:9⁴

We are taught to confess our sins *in order to be* forgiven. Paul NEVER taught this practice; rather he taught that all of our sins are already forgiven, and all of his writings were before 1 John 1:9 was written.

4. Ananias & Sapphira, the sick and dying in Corinth⁵

Most teach that Ananias and Sapphira were believers, but all the evidence points to the contrary. They were imposters and mockers testing the Holy Spirit. Those in Corinth were also tares among the wheat who did not understand the Lord's Supper nor have compassion on the poor.

5. Many teach that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, but actually, the Holy Spirit convicts us of righteousness.

John 16:7-10

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

6. It's very common to say that when we sin, we open the door for Satan. This is not true.

- a. First of all, there is not one moment in time when we are not forgiven.
- b. Secondly, Satan has been defeated by Jesus and has not right to wreak havoc in our lives.
- c. Bad things often happen after we sin because there are usually natural consequences for sin. If someone engages in sexual immorality, he might get a STD. Someone drinking drunk might get in an accident. These are not punishments for sin nor Satan getting a foot in the door.
- d. Amazingly, God can even turn our mistakes for good.

7. Others insist that God can't bless us if there is sin in our lives. They say if we don't tithe we are "cursed with a curse". If we want God to open the windows of heaven, then we need to give offerings. If we waste money, God will see to it that we are poor. We are told we must sew in order to reap.⁶ These things simply are not true. We are blessed with all we need for life and godliness. We already have every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. These are based on our faith in Jesus, not on obeying laws or doing good works.

8. If we are sinning or have unconfessed sin when the Lord returns, we will be eternally lost or at the very least shamed before all other believers! Nonsense! We are already forgiven.⁷

⁴ "What about 1 John 1:9?" <http://graceandfaithministries.org/stand-alone-teachings/>

⁵ "What about Those Who Were Judged for Sin?" <http://graceandfaithministries.org/stand-alone-teachings/>

⁶ There is a principle of sewing and reaping, but not in regards to the blessings God has already provided for us.

⁷ See "DO YOU KNOW HOW Perfectly Forgiven You Are?" <http://graceandfaithministries.org/do-you-know-how-series-2/> and "The Judgment Seat of Christ" <http://graceandfaithministries.org/stand-alone-teachings/>.

9. **“Sinning willfully” mentioned in Hebrews is NOT about sinning on purpose. All sin is on purpose because we always have a choice to sin or not sin. The “willful sin spoken of in Hebrews 10:26 is that of refusing to believe in Jesus.⁸**
10. **Misunderstanding of Romans 7: Thinking that the Christian life is a struggle between the flesh and the spirit; that it is “normal” for Christians to struggle with sin. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is nothing about relationship with God in Romans 7. It is completely focused on self and sin. It’s a miserable way to live...but praise God for Romans 8 where our relationship with God is explained one free from condemnation (the sentence of separation from God).⁹**

Why does the church so tenaciously hold on to this idea that we need to examine ourselves and look inside for any fault and continually look for our own sin? It is because few understand the complete work that Jesus accomplished on the cross. They teach that our sins were forgiven, but in order to be righteous, we must follow the law. This is heresy. If righteousness could have been accomplished by the law, then Jesus died for no reason (Gal. 2:21).

Instead of teaching believers this glorious good news, the religious world today is intent on convincing us that we SHOULD have a consciousness of sins, that it is even unhealthy spiritually not to constantly be examining ourselves to find sin and crucify the flesh.

While it is true that there are some pastors who want to control their congregation and use these false doctrines to keep people in line, generally speaking for most churches, the core problem is that they are unaware of this glorious truth. The church wants people to live in a way that is pleasing to God. This is good. We should all want this, but they are afraid to let people be truly free because they don’t understand this truth, they sincerely believe that living only under grace will produce sinful behavior.

ENOUGH!

THE TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE

Unraveling this extensive web of sin consciousness is easy when we understand that the sacrifice of Jesus was good enough to perfect us forever in the area of sin.

How forgiven are we as believers? Completely and forever.

HEBREWS 10:1-19

1. **The sacrifices offered under the Law/Old Covenant were just a shadow of what Jesus would accomplish. Though they offered forgiveness, it was incomplete (only for those particular sins). They were not perfectly forgiven. Each year, the Passover represented not only what had happened when it was first celebrated in Egypt, but it**

⁸ For a thorough discussion of Hebrews 10:26, please go to <http://graceandfaithministries.org/toward-a-better-understanding-of-hebrews/>

⁹ See “Romans 7” <http://graceandfaithministries.org/the-gift-of-righteousness-romans-1-8>.

looked forward to when Jesus would become our Passover Lamb who would TAKE AWAY¹⁰ the sins of the world (Jn. 1:29).

¹For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

2. If the Old Covenant sacrifices had been sufficient (good enough), then they would not have had to offer them again and again. The ultimate sacrifice would have actually purified the worshippers, but it didn't. They were still in their sins. They still had an awareness of their sinfulness. (Religion teaches us today that we need to continually confess and repent of any and all sin, this is the definition and expression of sin consciousness.)

² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had

no more consciousness of sins.

3. The Old Covenant sacrifices, on the contrary were a remembrance of their sin. Animal sacrifices cannot take away sins.

³ But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away¹¹ sins.

4. Jesus came to do the will of God. He took on human flesh and became the perfect sacrifice for us.¹²

⁵ Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

*“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.*

*⁶ In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin
You had no pleasure.*

*⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.’”*

5. Jesus' death took away the Old Covenant and established the New Covenant.

*⁸ Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” **He takes away the first that He may establish the second.***

¹⁰ Take away: airoō (ah'ee-ro): to lift; by implication to take up or away; figuratively to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind); specifically to sail away (that is, weigh anchor); by Hebraism (compare [H5375]) to expiate sin: - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

¹¹ Notice that taking away sins results in no more consciousness of sins.

¹² Some have falsely claimed that when Jesus died, he literally became sin for us. This is not so. If He had at any time not been spotless, He could not have carried away our sin. Jesus “became sin for us” (2 Cor. 5:21) in the sense that He took on human/sinful flesh. He became our “sin offering”, not sin itself.

6. When Jesus did the will of God by offering His body, we were sanctified (made holy) once for all.

¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

7. The priests never sat down. Daily, they offered sacrifices for the sins of the people, even though those sacrifices were only a shadow of what was to come and unable to permanently remove sin. Yet Jesus, after offering His one sacrifice as our High Priest SAT DOWN. In other words, "It is finished." There would be no more sacrifices for sin. His sacrifice would be forever.

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

8. To sum up what the writer of Hebrews has been explaining. Through Jesus' one offering, He PERFECTED FOREVER, those whom He makes holy.¹³

¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.^{14 15}

9. If that was not witness enough, we also have the witness of the Holy Spirit who spoke through the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-34) about the New Covenant God would establish. The NEW covenant would not need the written law. We would be made new creations who desire to do God's will. THE GRAND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE NEW COVENANT, and the reason that everything in the New Covenant exists is contingent on the fact that He NO LONGER REMEMBERS OUR SINS. Since He has remitted our sins, there is NO LONGER ANY offering for sin. There are no steps we need to take to be forgiven. Jesus already paid for ALL of our sins FOREVER. Our part is simply to be thankful.

¹⁵ But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," ¹⁷ then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no

¹³ Hebrews 10:14 AMP

For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

¹⁴ This is referring to those who are being saved. NASB reads, "those who are sanctified".

¹⁵ The word "perfected" is the translation of teleioo which means "to bring to a state of completion." Here, the completeness of the state of salvation of the believer is in view. Everything essential to the salvation of the individual is included in the gift of salvation which the sinner receives by faith in Messiah's sacrifice. The words "for ever" here are to be construed with "perfected." It is a permanent state of completeness in salvation to which reference is made. The words "them that are sanctified" are descriptive of the believer. He is one set apart for God.-Wuest's Word Studies - Wuest's Word Studies - Volume 2: Word Studies in the Greek New Testament.

more.¹⁶ ¹⁸ *Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.*

SO, NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Often, when we begin to understand the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:24), it seems that we are doing everything wrong. How do we pray if we are already close to God? How do we ask God for things if we already have them? Etcetera. So, now we must ask ourselves, now that I understand that I can live free from sin consciousness, what do I do now when I sin?

1. Even though believers are free from and dead to sin, God knew that we would fall short at times. His will is for us is to not sin, but if we do, we have an Advocate.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

It is very significant to note here, that John had just written in 1 John 1:9 (addressing unbelievers). Now when he is clearly addressing believers, he doesn't tell them to confess their sins to be cleansed. He tells them they have an Advocate. If the formula for getting our sins forgiven is to confess them, then surely John would have made this clear right at this point in his letter. The word "advocate" can also be translated "intercessor, consoler, comforter". The picture usually painted is that Sweet Jesus is holding back Angry God when we sin like a lawyer defending a client. This is inaccurate. God is not holding our sins against us. When we sin, Jesus steps in to comfort and console and pray for us. Stunning, isn't it?

2. It is totally normal to feel sorry that we have sinned. If you sinned against God, apologize, but not in order to be forgiven. If you sinned against someone else, apologize to them and make restitution if necessary. Don't be surprised if people are not as quick to forgive as God. You might need to give them some time and make a sincere effort to regain their confidence.
3. Listen carefully and you will hear the Holy Spirit convicting you of righteousness.
4. Thank and praise God that you are already been forgiven, that your sin has not caused a rift between you and your God, that He still loves you as much as He did beforehand, that you are still righteous and holy.
5. Let Him step in as your Comforter (since sinning often leads to unhappy circumstances). Let Him work all things together for your good (yes, even your sin).

¹⁶ The other distinctive feature of the New Testament is the fact that God remembers sins and iniquities no more. The constant repetition of the sacrifices demonstrated that the sin question was not settled. The once for all offering of the Messiah shows that sin is paid for and put away. -Wuest's Word Studies - Wuest's Word Studies - Volume 2: Word Studies in the Greek New Testament.

6. Allow grace to teach you in the area where you sinned.

CONCLUSION

God has graciously provided this glorious freedom from sin consciousness for His children. It is His crowning achievement and why we have everything else that He gives. If we do not understand that we are truly free from sin, we will not have the relationship that He so desires for us to have.