

put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

As Christians, we all should be aware of the effects of sin and what it can do to our bodies and most of all what it can do to our very soul in eternity. Ephesians 5:1-11 teaches:

“1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

You see, sin is like the tar pit for it will deceive you and kill you! If it looks too good to be true it usually is. Satan is a liar and murderer. He wants to trap you in sin and keep you there. That is why God’s Son came to this world to die for all mankind’s sins, so that we could have life and have life more abundantly. It’s your choice, but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord

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Sin is Like a Tar Pit

In Los Angeles, California there is a tar pit called the La Brea Tar Pits. Now these tar pits have been formed over hundreds of years by oil seeping up from the ground, forming hundreds of sticky pools that would trap animals and plants which happened to enter these pools. Over time water would accumulate over these pools and animals that lived in this area would wander in the water on top of these pools. They would get stuck in the sticky tar and die in the tar. Scientists who have studied this area have found a treasure chest of animal bones where the predators found the outnumbered prey. The best reason given for such a find is that large prey animals that lived in this area would get stuck in the tar pits, and they would then die or become a meal for the predators that found them in those tar pits. The so-called predators would find an easy meal with the prey stuck in the tar—only to find that they themselves would be stuck as well with their prey. This cycle would go on for hundreds of years.

The La Brea Tar Pits are a good example of how sin works and the consequences that sin will bring upon those who live

in it and fall for its deceitful appearance. An example of this can be found in Genesis 3, when Satan, in the garden of Eden, tempted Eve. Eve believed Satan, ate of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; and gave the fruit to Adam who also ate of it. They both became trapped in sin as seen in Genesis 3:1-7:

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 “but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”

Adam and Eve, like a lot of us today, really didn’t take a good look at what they

were getting into or think things all the way through. Eve looked, she took, she ate, and she gave. Satan in the garden tried to make Eve think that sin was good, pleasant, and desirable. You see, knowledge of both good and evil seemed to be harmless to Eve. She was wrong. People today, like Adam and Eve, usually choose the wrong things they want over what is right before God because they have convinced themselves that evil things appear good and thus are good.

While my wife and I were on vacation, we went through different parts of Louisiana. We passed a lot of signs promoting gambling and the money a person would win. These signs appeared attractive to look at and they would catch your attention. Now there were certain signs promoting gambling that would appeal to men due to the nature of the sign. The sign had an attractive young lady with blonde hair holding a handful of money. The sign read that on “every Wednesday and Sunday” a person could win a lot of money; all you had to do was show up with your money and “play.” The sign did not show what happens when someone loses. It did not show someone taking another’s money as his own winnings. It did not show the unpaid bills piling up because of income wasted in “playing.” It did not show the picture of a family that is neglected due to one’s desire for “easy money.” It did not show the eternal destiny of the soul who departs from

God’s way and lives a life in sin.

As Christians, our sins do not always appear ugly or unpleasant to us. And often, the sins which appear to be pleasant are the hardest sins to avoid. As Christians, in our society today, we need to prepare our minds and our hearts for the “attractive temptations” that will come our way. One of the realities of sin is that its effects will spread to those around us such as our mates, our children, and those we work or worship with. After Eve sinned, she involved Adam, her husband, into her wrong doing; then he sinned. Often when we do something wrong we will try to relieve our guilt by involving those are close to. Sin like cancer, will spread quickly infecting all those around us because of the poor choices we have made.

Sin, like the tar pit, is deceptive. Sin will kill you and your soul. Yes, sin is attractive, as with Eve sin is pleasant to look at and will make a person want to embrace it and to taste it. Just like in a lot of those beer commercials they make the beer seem real desirable and try to make a person want to be part of the party. The only problem is they don’t show the after effects. They don’t show someone that has become an alcoholic, losing his job because he can’t come to work on time, or going through a divorce because the person is abusive or has a hard time keeping a job or is always broke

due to the alcohol.

Sin looks attractive when they make shows where it is ok to have an adulterous affair with anybody that turns your head. On TV it looks like a lot of fun, but in the real world this type of lifestyle only brings broken homes, broken hearts, children without their parents, and a country that is broken in half due to a life of sin and pleasure.

Sin is attractive, but as Christians we should put on the new man which we found in Christ, He died on the cross for all mankind to free us from the bondage of sin to make us a new man as seen in Ephesians 4:17-24:

“17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you