

# *Why Are There Still Consequences If God Has Forgiven Me?*

**CORE SCRIPTURE:** 1 John 1:9

**NOTES:**

God's Forgiveness (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1)

Consequences & Forgiveness (David – 2 Samuel 12:7-14)

The Benefit of Consequences (Motivate good – Galatians 6:7-9; Show God is your Father – Proverbs 3:11-12)

Not all Suffering Is a Consequence (Not always because you did something wrong – John 9:1-7)

## **HOW TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS THIS WEEK**

1. Confess any sin you know of to God
2. Believe that God has forgiven you like He promised
3. When consequences seem hard, use them as a reminder to think about how much God has worked in your life and how much He's forgiven you for
4. Talk to God boldly, freely, gladly, and with love because He's forgiven you

Don't live in the shadow  
Of yesterday's sin;  
The Father forgave you  
And cleansed you within.  
Its failure can warn you  
But must not prevent  
Your willingly doing  
The tasks you were sent.

Don't let the old devil  
Sneak in and deceive;  
He whispers his folly  
But do not believe.  
His lies are to keep you  
From knowing God's grace,  
So tell him to leave you  
And show him his place.

You'll sometimes be tempted  
When consequence comes  
To think you're still guilty  
As courage succumbs,  
But God is your Father  
And loves you too much  
To let sin bring blessing  
And seem like a crutch.

The day you confessed it  
And turned from your sin,  
God fully forgave you  
And brought you back in.  
It's under Christ's blood now –  
You're free from its shame.  
The guilt has been canceled;  
No fear can remain.

So live in the freedom  
That Jesus has bought  
Who died to redeem you  
And cleanse every spot.  
You're free to do right through  
The Name of the Lord –  
Rise up now to serve Him  
And claim His reward.

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