

## BIBLE PHRASES AND CONCEPTS EXPLORED

God's love is exhibited through His commands in that violations have natural consequences which lead to death. Romans 6:23

The Law of Sin and Death was given to Adam and Eve. Rebelling against God's commands produces unrighteous acts of sin. Sin leads to death of relationships and ultimately physical death.

Conviction of the Spirit may lead to repentance but often God allows the sinner to experience the consequences of breaking His commands in order to help him come to repentance. The goodness of God leads us to repentance. Romans 2:8; 5:8 God demonstrates His love.

Repentance toward God means that we realize the loving, forgiving, and gracious character of God and that we desire to be saved from our sins with determination to be changed. The repentant sinner is allowed to behold the righteousness of Christ and His sacrifice to take away our sins. Through our faith in God's provision, Christ frees us from the captivity of sin. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Acts 20:21 Gospel: Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ, the Law of the Spirit of Life has set me free from the Law of Sin and Death. The Spirit lives in me and through my cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction, power over sin is available. Romans 8:2

When a person experiences the wrath of God, this means that God has given that person over to the consequences of what they have chosen. God is the sustainer of life every moment we live. If God turns us over to our sinful choices, we perish from the consequences of those choices.

Romans 1:18,24,26,28 God's wrath gave them over to the consequences of their sin.

The consequence of sin is death and often is accompanied by torment on the way to death.

Torment is mental anguish coming from a conscious desire to have one's own way and is often accompanied by anger (the gnashing of teeth). The Great White Throne Judgment will reveal the torment of the soul which is not in a love relationship with God. Luke 13:28

Punishment is God honoring man's free choices by allowing the natural consequences of a chosen action to take place. You reap what you sow. God receives no pleasure from the death of the wicked. God desires the repentance of the wicked. Ezekiel 33:11

In Christ, the born again person becomes the elect of God in which God promises to complete the work He began through the work of Holy Spirit conviction. The elect become holy and blameless in His sight. Ephesians 1:4

Reconciliation: God never changes. God does not reconcile Himself to man. God always looks with favor and love toward man. Man needs reconciliation to God. Man needs to be changed. God is in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting sin against us. A person is reconciled to God when he lets God make him a new creation in Christ. Because of the Cross, all persons who are “in Christ” have life and are reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:19 Romans 5:10

Ransom: Christ paid the price which releases man from captivity to sin. The price was one act of righteousness, sinless death, which condemns sin sentencing it to removal from all creation. Christ is the Way by which those who receive Him have their sins removed and replaced with righteous acts. Matthew 28:18 Romans 5:18; 8:3 Matthew 22:11-14 Revelation 19:8

Remission of sin is our release from bondage to sin. Remission heals the new creation believer from the damage of sin but does not release us from the consequences of sin. Believers still pay their debt to sin in this life and in the life to come by loss of rewards which they could have had. Luke 3:3 KJV

Christ is the propitiation for our sins, the mercy of God poured out. Christ died on the cross to condemn sin. Jesus arose with all power and authority to remove sin from creation (take away the sin of the world). The mercy and grace of God comes upon all people who cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and come to faith in Jesus for sin removal. 1 John 2:2

The disciplinary actions of God toward believers involves God allowing us to experience the consequences of our sins with the goal of teaching us to avoid those things which hurt us and others.

Hebrews 12:4-12

God does not change. He does not need to be appeased of His wrath toward sinners. God's wrath toward sin and sinners never waivers. Believers are changed (born again) and moved out from under the wrath of God. John 3:5-7,36 Romans 1:18 Revelation 6:16-17

God is able to freely forgive sin without requiring payment for sin, and He requires us to do likewise. God tells us to forgive as He has forgiven. Ephesians 4:32

**God justifies giving the believer eternal life by making the believer a participant in the Cross of Christ and in His resurrection. Romans 6:4**

**Justice itself is satisfied by the work of God in the life of the believer. There is no penalty, no punishment, no condemnation, and no wrath in store for the totally sinless, totally righteous, and totally glorified believer in Christ. God sees the believer complete in Christ because He promises to complete the work He began. Philippians 1:6**