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**Lesson 74:**

**2 Samuel 2:18-3:5**

**Civil War**

Read Exodus 20:4-6 and Exodus 34:6-7. How far flung are the consequences for those who serve other gods and who transgress and sin?

Read Ezekiel 18:14-20. In this example, who sins?

Who does not?

Who will suffer for his sins?

Who shall not?

Read John 9:1-7. What was the question asked of Jesus? (Notice, they didn't ask Jesus to heal this man.)

What was Jesus' response? Does He attribute the man's blindness to sin of this man or his father?

What does Jesus then do?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:21. What did God place entirely upon, or make, Jesus? What did we get out of that "deal"?

Read Romans 5:12-21. What was death a consequence of?

How has death spread? How is the gift of salvation not like the consequence of sin?

What has Jesus' act of righteousness led to for us?

We need to understand that sin has consequences, even to the third and fourth generation. However, also understand that, when Christ died for us, He *became* sin for us; He took on *all* our sin, and when we confess Him as Lord and accept that gift that He gave us, our sins are all forgiven. That does not mean, however, that all the consequences disappear.

If you stole money from your employer, you still have to deal with that, but you can be forgiven for it. If your father killed someone, you all have to deal with

that, and the hurt and damage that his sin caused is far flung; but, he can still be forgiven for that, and you are not accountable for that sin before God.

Read Romans 12:1-2. How is God's will described here?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to see the consequences of the sin in your life. Ask Him for forgiveness and leave that sin where it belongs; at His feet. Then, ask Him to continue to refine you, to cleanse you and continue to make you righteous, so that the consequences of all your actions may line up with His good, pleasing and perfect will.