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There are two types of people that sin: sinning sinners and sinning believers / Christians

This is a very unpopular subject to consider that Christians can also be sinners. The Bible is basically to and about covenant people. The Israelites of the Old Testament were the Old Testament church. We are the New Testament church. They were sinning saints. We are sinning saints. There are many Christians in the church who wonder why unsaved sinners who don't even love God are in better health than they are. **It is because many times the unsaved sinners are more righteous than many people in the church are.** We don't want to hear that, do we? What do we mean they are more righteous than we often are? In that area of their life, they live by Godly principles even though they are not saved. Many saved people do not live by Godly principles. For example... I have seen unsaved men love their wives and saved men beat their wives.

You see, there are consequences to disobedience, whether you are a New Testament believer or not.

Ezekiel 18v26-27: 26 "When a righteous man turns away from His righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in his sins, for his iniquity that he has done he shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life."

For example, if a person who is a born again Christian refuses to forgive somebody who has wronged them, they could develop cancer and die. So as Ezekiel says, because that righteous man turned away from His righteousness (i.e. forgiveness) and commits iniquity instead (for example bitterness and unforgiveness). then he can die in his sin (for example of cancer which is a consequence of long term bitterness).

We have had experiences where we have seen people who are not born-again Christians get healed when they applied these principles. For example, there was one man in our local town who was well known as an immoral man, who was wealthy but who had earned most of his money in dishonest, illegal ways and who had many mistresses and illegitimate children all over the country.

He got cancer - and learnt about the importance of forgiveness - and chose to genuinely forgive everybody he had ever known who he carried a grudge against. He completely recovered from the cancer! So as Ezekiel says, because a wicked man turned away from his wickedness and do what is lawful and right (i.e. turned away from bitterness and chose to practice the Godly principle of forgiveness) - it saved his life - he recovered from the cancer! And it didn't take him long to be born again after that! When you experience the Truth and reality of the Word, you want to know the God of the Word!

Then in Ezekiel, Abba Father goes on to say: **Ezekiel 18v31-32: "31 Cast away from you all your transgressions by which you have transgressed against Me, and make you a new mind and heart and a new spirit. For why shall you die, O house of Israel?"** You see God doesn't want you to die prematurely of disease... **"32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord God. Therefore turn, (be converted) and live!"**

According to this Scripture, if we don't want to die prematurely of disease, we have got to get rid of sin and iniquity causing it. We cannot hate our mother-in-law or hate ourselves and expect to continue in good health. We cannot continue to worry about what is going to happen in the future and prevent high blood pressure, for example.

- **There are consequences to unrighteousness called disease and death!**
- **There are consequences to righteousness called health & life!**

Jesus said in **John 10v10: "I came that you may have life and have it more abundantly but the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy."** If we don't want the thief to steal, kill and destroy, then we need get unrighteousness out of our lives and the fruit of righteousness will be yours. You see, this is about CHANGE - about removing the things in our life that are giving the devil power and right to kill us early!



And by the way, this Scripture is saying to **God's people** (the church!) - be converted and live! We must be born again but just because we are born again, does not mean we are converted.

- We may be born again and still have fear and anxiety.
- We may be born again and still have envy and jealousy.
- We may be born again and still have rage and anger.
- We may be born again but still have lust.
- We may be born again and still hate our mother-in-law.
- We may be born again and still have strife and drunkenness.
- We may be born again and still commit adultery.

We may be born again but it does not mean we have been converted. The church has been incredibly intellectually converted, but it has not been truly converted from the heart. If we were truly converted from the heart, we would not continue in ways that are not God's ways...

Hosea 4v6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children."

Hosea 4 v6 says that God's people perish for lack of knowledge AND also because they have rejected knowledge. In other words, they don't practice it even though they know it. For example, every believer knows that you are to forgive everybody who has hurt or wronged you but it doesn't necessarily mean that we do.

What God said to Hosea is that because His people have rejected knowledge, He will also reject them - not in salvation but in the application of blessing and that includes healing. We won't lose our salvation - we will still go to Heaven - but we'll go through hell on the way there - and get there sooner than we should!

The bottom line is this:

Are we really doers of the Word?

Most disease is simply a consequence of disobedience which is not being a **doer of the Word**. It first happened in the Garden of Eden in **Genesis 2 v 17. The Lord said to Adam, "In the day that you eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall die"**. What opened the door to death, spiritual first and then biological was **DISOBEDIENCE to God's Word** and it has never changed!

In **Deuteronomy Chapter 28:**

- **Verses 1 to 14 tells us the blessings that come from obedience.**
- **The 2nd half of the chapter from verse 15 to 65, warns us about the curses that will come from disobedience.**

And then God says:

IT IS YOUR CHOICE

Deuteronomy 30 v19-20: "I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curses; therefore choose life that you and your descendants may live and may love the Lord your God; obey His voice, and cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days..."

In this scripture God said to His people, **"In your obedience to Me and My commandments, which is best for you, the blessings are immediate and close by"**.

But God also said, **"If you are disobedient, the curses of Deuteronomy 28 v 15 - 68 will surely come"**.

**The quality of our health is based on the choices that WE make.
we cannot blame God for being sick and we cannot even blame the devil.**

The responsibility is ours!

