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Introduction: Imagine a Life with No Fellowship with God.

- A. God will not fellowship anyone who practices sin (**Isa. 59:1-2**).
 - 1. The most holy God will only fellowship those who have been cleansed of their sins (**Isa. 6:1-7**).
 - 2. Thankfully, God has provided a way that we can have a relationship with Him through the atoning sacrifice of His Son (**2 Cor 5:21**).
 - 3. Yet, even after being a Christian, a person can choose to go back into sin and lose his fellowship with God (**Heb. 3:12-13; cf. Heb. 10:26-27**).
- B. Acting “religious” will not change the hard fact that the practice of sin causes us to lose our fellowship with God.
 - 1. Many times, when a child of God practices sin, he denies he has a sin problem that disrupts his fellowship with God (**1 John 1:8**).
 - 2. Often, it is a favorite sin that he does not want to give up (**Jas 2:9-12**).
 - 3. There is no fellowship with God for that person, despite all his efforts to be “religious” or “spiritual” or however sincere he may be (**Mat.7:21**).
- C. Where is a person in life without God? - *He is Lost!* (**Eph. 2:11-12**).
 - 1. Paul wanted the Christians at Ephesus to always remember what their lives were like without Christ and what they would be without God.
 - 2. Think about what *your* life would be like without God.
 - 3. It may be what you need to do in order to put away the sin in your life.

I. To Maintain Fellowship with God, Continue to Walk in the Light.

- A. Our fellowship with God depends on our commitment to walk in the light (**1 John 1:5-10**).
 - 1. This demands that we do our best to practice the truth each day.
 - 2. This requires an honest humility and the confession of our sins.
- B. There is no form of darkness or sin that we can continue to practice and still have fellowship with God (**1 Thes. 5:22**).
 - 1. Christians are to behave as “children of light” and be totally committed not to partake of any darkness or sin (**Eph. 5:5-8; cf. 2 Cor. 6:14**).
 - 2. It does not matter which law of God we choose to violate; *any* sin that we commit will cause us to become a transgressor (**James 2:9-11**).
 - 3. Sins of omission, the failure to what is right and fulfill our duties to God, can also cause us to become a transgressor (**James 4:17**).

II. Life without God is no Life at All.

- A. Life without God is to be “dead in sin” (**Eph. 2:1-2**).
 - 1. A person may be alive physically; he may breathe, think, walk, and act accordingly, but nevertheless be *spiritually dead* due to his sins.
 - 2. The sin, which he continues to practice, stands in the way of a right relationship with God and thus he is dead spiritually to God.
 - 3. Even Christians can become “dead in sin” again (**Rev. 3:1-3**).

B. Life without God means slavery to sin.

1. When the child of God turns his back on God in order to practice sin, he has chosen to be enslaved to sin all over again (**2 Pet. 2:20; cf. Jn. 8:34**).
2. The Christian cannot maintain fellowship with God and practice his favorite sins (or any sin) at the same time.
3. Everyone makes a choice to what he will be enslaved (**Rom 6:16-18**).
cf. 1 Cor. 6:12).
4. When the Lord is no longer your one and only Master, fellowship with God has ceased and slavery to sin has begun (**Jude 4**).

C. Life without God means our worship is vain.

1. Worship that is offered according to the commandments of men or without sincerity of heart is *vain*; it means *nothing* to God (**Mark 7:6-9**).
2. Those who practice sin offer worship which is worthless (**Isa 1:10-15**).
3. Like Israel, there is a great temptation for brethren to deny their sins and continue to worship God as if they still had fellowship with God.
4. Imagine if God did not listen to your prayers because of your refusal to give up a practice of sin! (**1 Pet. 3:12; Ps. 34:14-19**).

D. Life without God means an unfulfilled life.

1. In the grand scheme of things, the person who lives life without God is a life that is empty, unfulfilled, without true meaning or significance.
2. The person who lives according to his own will, who is not committed to obeying God's word, denies the purpose of his existence (**Eccl. 12:13**).
3. The Christian, who ceases to do the good works that God commanded him to do, does not fulfill his God-given purpose (**Eph. 2:10**).
4. In the end, people who lived life without God will have wasted their lives, having lived life not for God, but for themselves (**Luke 12:19-21**).

E. Life without God means no peace.

1. For those in Christ, there is great peace knowing that you are in a right relationship with the Lord (**Rom 5:1**) and will go to Heaven (**2 Cor 5:1-9**).
2. Yet, for the wicked, for those who continue to practice sin, there is no such peace in life, only restlessness of the soul (**Isa. 57:20-21**).
3. Many, which have no fellowship with God, have a hard time with quiet contemplation of their life in view of eternity (**Ps. 4:4**).
4. They will busy their lives with so many activities and constantly fill the void with noise from the world so they do not have time to think about their life in view of Eternity (**Heb. 9:27**).

Conclusion: Don't Trade Your Fellowship with God for the Practice of Sin.

- A. There is no pleasure on earth worth more than your fellowship with God (**Heb. 11:24-26**).
- B. There is no worldly achievement more valuable than your relationship to God (**Mat. 16:24-26**).
- C. Fellowship with God in Heaven or Eternal separation from the Lord depends on our obedience to the gospel (**2 Thes. 1:6-12**).