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DAILY DOCTRINE  
Sin Unto Death

1. Sin unto death declared as a PRINCIPLE:

**1 John 5:16** If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not *leading* to death, he shall ask and *God* will for him give life to those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

**Psalm 118:17** I shall not die, but live, And tell of the works of the LORD. <sup>18</sup> The LORD has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

**Ezek. 18:21-32.**

2. Characteristics of the sin **NOT** UNTO DEATH

**1 John 5:16** If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not *leading* to death . . .

a. It is a sin which is confessed:

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**1 Corinthians 11:31** But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

**Psalm 38.**

b. It can also be characterized by a sin which is discontinued,

**Hebrews 12:1** Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

**Ezek 18:21-32.**

c. It is a sin which responds to discipline,

**Hebrews 12:6** For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives."

**Heb. 12:12:11-15.**

3. Characteristics of the SIN UNTO DEATH: 1 Jn. 5:16b.

- a. An unconfessed sin, therefore, persistent; never confesses as per 1 Jn 1:9.
- b. It is a sin which ignores grace, warning and discipline, Lev. 26.
- c. It is a sin which persists unchecked.
- d. It is a sin which has a maximum adverse effect on other believers, Acts 5 (cf. Ananias and Sapphira ).

4. CASE HISTORIES of the SIN UNTO DEATH.

- a. Corinthian incest, 1 Cor. 5:1-5.
- b. Lying to the Holy Spirit, Acts 5:1-10.
- c. Persistent carnality at the Lord's table, 1 Cor. 11:30-31.
- d. Disobedience to the Word of God.
  - ✓ King Saul, 1 Chron. 10:13-14; 1 Sam. 13:9-14.
  - ✓ Saul had no business offering sacrifices.
  - ✓ He was a king, not a priest.
- e. Self-righteous and dependence upon man as per Hezekiah, Isa 38.
- f. A believer turning apostate: Balaam (Num. 31:8); Hymenaeus and Alexander (1 Tim. 1:19-20).

5. Conclusion: Sin unto Death is not a specific sin; it is continual carnality. Some of the sins associated with persistent carnality are primarily in the mental attitude, some move into overt gross activity.