



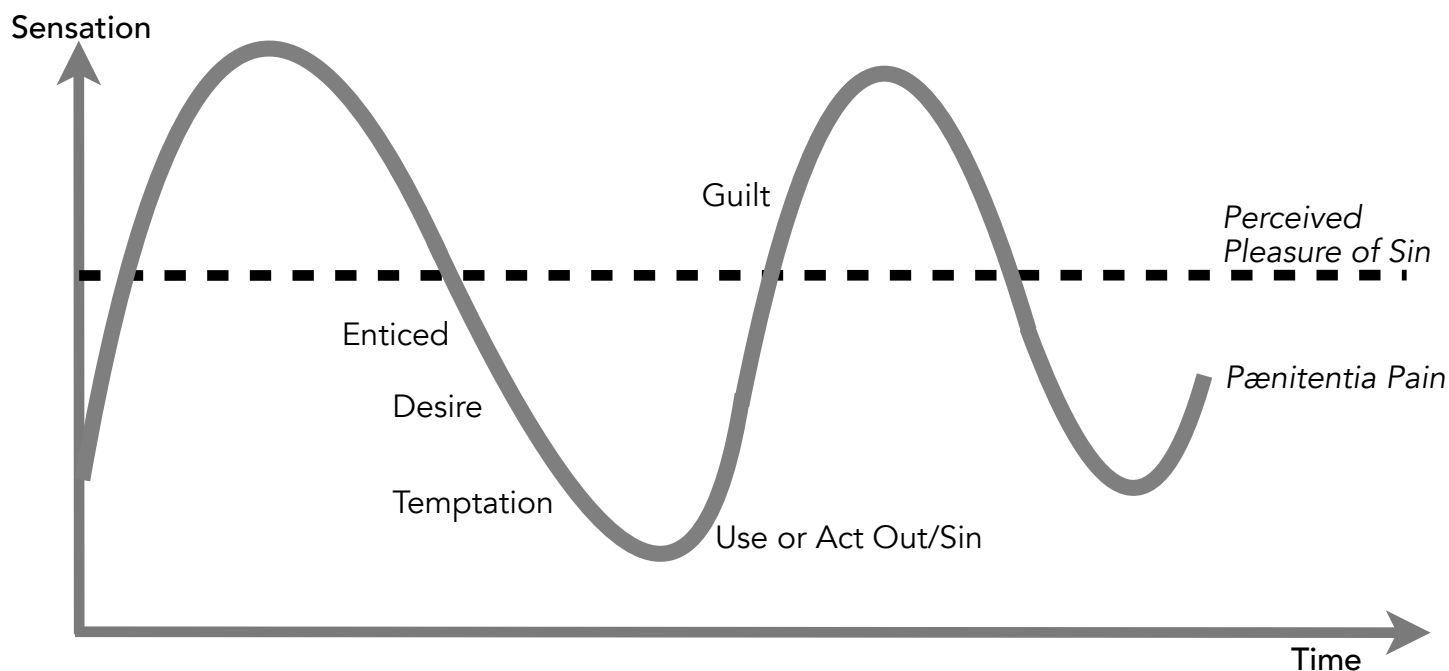
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FREEDOM FROM SLAVERY TO SIN

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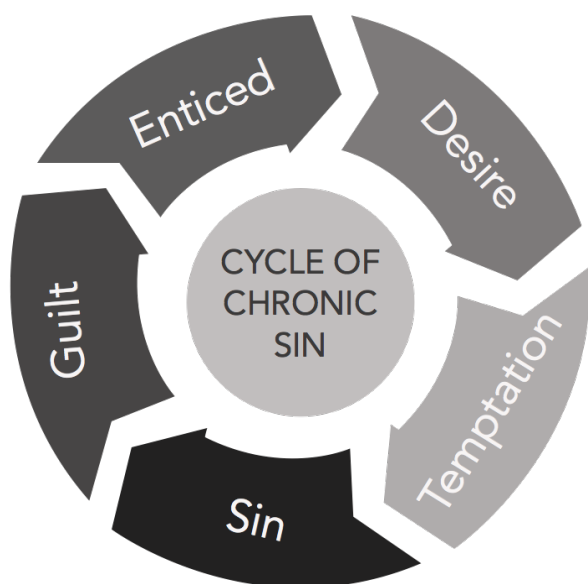


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"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will **set you free.**" They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be **free indeed.**" (John 8:31–36, NIV)

- Paenitentia can only offer a temporary abatement of sin by attaching pain to a behavior you hope to extinguish. This associative conditioning fails as soon as the pain inevitably fades.(Colossians 2:20-3:10). Paenitentia only reinforces the Cycle of Addiction as described in James 1:14-15.
- It's time to break the enslaving cycle of sin and celebrate real freedom!



- **Enticed:** These can be situations, emotions, thoughts, seeing a particular person, place, or image.
- **Desire:** The enticing situation sets off a desire for using the drug or sin of choice. The craving will dominate the thought process until it is satisfied.
- **Temptation:** The craving is typically surrounded by 'rituals' that may involve trying to manage the situation or obtain the drug. They are the routines that get established around the 'using' behaviors and add to the obsessive thinking.
- **Sin:** Ultimately the addict will use or sin again.
- **Guilt:** Emotions like guilt and shame set in after using or sinning. This sense of failure often becomes the next triggering or enticing event.

