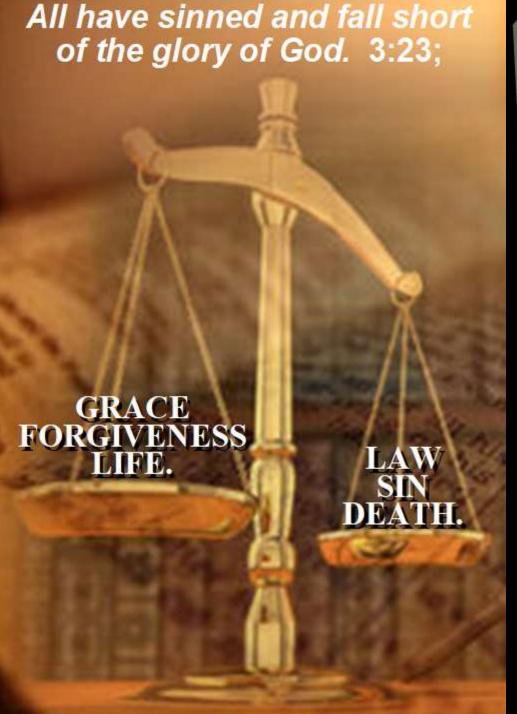
Romans Chapter 5:12-21;
Contrast of
Righteousness and Condemnation.
Romans 5:12;
Lesson 1 Slide 1





# BONANS

"and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood." 3:24-25;

#### THE FLOW OF PAUL'S ARGUMENT.

Universal Sinfulness Shows:-A Universal Need of the Gospel. (1:18-3:20;)

- A. So what advantage do the Jews have then? 3:1-18; 1. They have superior honour & privileges. 3:2-8;
  - 2. But they are under sin, just the same. 3:9-18;
- B. The Law brings knowledge of sin to all men, saying:This is what sin is, and all men are guilty of it! but the Law cannot justify men from the guilt of those sins. 3:19-20;

C. Justification from that guilt comes through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus. 3:21-31;

### THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH. 3:21-5:21;

### **GODS PLAN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS NOW REVEALED. 3:21-5:11;**

Righteousness described. 3:21-31;
Righteousness illustrated in Abraham. 4:1-25;
Benefits of righteousness. 5:1-11;
Contrast of righteousness and condemnation. 5:12-21;

6:1-8:39; Deals with the doctrine of sanctification, how the justified one's should live.

How Justification ought to be worked out in the believers character.

### Adam Brought Death; Jesus Brought Life. (Romans 5:12-21;)



As Paul continues his discussion of the blessings the child of God enjoys because he is justified by faith.

Paul contrasts the two most prominent men in all of history - Adam and Christ.

In this last section of chapter 5; he tells how sin and death entered the world and how Jesus Christ, by His death, more than makes up for and offsets the sin and death brought about by Adam.

## Physical and Spiritual Death came through Adam's Sin.

This section 5:12-21; is one of the most difficult to understand in the whole book.

We need to look carefully at the text and the context as we try to deal with the text in a way that hopefully will answer some of the problems.

The KEY to this passage is found by understanding the meaning and implications of vs 12; and 18;

Are the Spiritual consequences

AUTOMATIC or CONDITIONAL?

see especially v19;

THE MAIN TYPE OF DEATH DISCUSSED IN THIS PASSAGE- IS SPIRITUAL DEATH.

Physical death has not been under discussion in the book of Romans so far

Spiritual death better fits the context. Rom 1:18-4:25; discusses spiritual death and life. Rom 6:1-8:39; will discuss spiritual death and life.

Rom 5:12-21; begins with the word "therefore"- this is a concluding statement.

Since 5:12-21; is sandwiched between discussions of spiritual death and life, it is logical to conclude that this passage would discuss spiritual death and life.

THE OBJECT OF THIS PASSAGE:-TO SHOW
THAT EVERYTHING NECESSARY
FOR HUMAN REDEMPTION
IS ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST'S REDEMPTION.

THE GRACE OF CHRIST TRANSCENDS THE OFFENCE (SIN) OF ADAM.

NOTE v12 begins an uncompleted sentence. v13-17; are a parenthesis- so for continuity we ought to read v18 immediately after v12; This paragraph is a chiasm

Rom 5:18; "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men."

Rom 5:17; is a concentrated summary:- "It was by one man's offence that death came to reign over all, but how much greater the reign in life of those who receive the fullness of grace and the gift of saving justice, through the one man, Jesus Christ."

### ADAM'S SIN BROUGHT PHYSICAL DEATH TO ALL MEN.



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Two types of death Physical and Spiritual need to be understood.

PHYSICAL death where the body ceases to function, This is something at the moment we can do very little about.

SPIRITUAL death is dependant on our choices in life.

In this context we are dealing mainly with the idea of SPIRITUAL death – separation from God.

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive." 1 Cor 15:22;

Gen 2:8; "The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed."

When man sinned part of his punishment was to be removed from the garden and no longer given access to the tree of life

Gen 3:24; "So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life."

Gen 2:17; "and of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou dost not eat of it, for in the day of thine eating of it - dying thou dost die." (young)

God said In dying you will die.

It is obvious that Adam did not drop dead when he disobeyed God.

While Adam was in the garden with access to the tree of life this meant that mans body would not be effected by the normal genetic laws of deterioration.

In the laws of Entropy, Everything breaks down.
Everything ages, everything begins to fall apart.
For man from that day on, all of Adams descendants would begin to age and ultimately die physically.



This physical law of aging and death which affects all people continues to this day.

Because of Adam's disobedience in the garden it impacted all mankind because not one of us has access to the tree of life that could prevent the aging process.

Through Adam's sin He was separated from the tree of life and physical death entered the world;

Because of our physical connection to Adam, we also die; NOT because we also all have broken a commandment but because WE SHARE his now MORTAL nature.

12 "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come."



As Adam was the first of mankind, his act of disobedience brought physical death to all of us through his loss of access to the tree of life.

In a very real sense we were there when he sinned. We were inside him, in his genes.

This principle is taught in the story of Levi paying the tithe to Melchizedek before he was born.

#### **Hebrews 7:9-10;**

"And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him."

### Abraham pays the tithe to Melchizedek.



Some Teach that we are born with the guilt and sin of Adam and therefore die physically because of Adams sin?

Some teach that because we sin personally we die physically?

The scriptures teach that
We are born without sin
And die in our spiritual relationship with God
because of our personal sin.
Ezekiel 18:1-32; Rom 9:11;

If it were true that physical death is caused by personal sin.

THEN:Animals could not die.
The mentally handicap would not die.
Babies would not die.
Jesus could not die. Heb 4:15

If Adam had not sinned and lost access to the tree of life there would be no physical death. Because Adam sinned we ALL ultimately must die.

When God made man in the beginning our bodies were perfect and with access to the tree of life they were protected from the aging process and decay and malfunction.

Remember it was not until the Law given by Moses that what we now know as incest was prevented because by that time inbreeding had started to effect the genetic make up in man.

Whenever man experienced famine or flood it had an impact on our food intake and therefore affected us physically.

Sometimes those physical affects would begin to be passed on to the next generation and all future generations could be impacted by this genetic abnormality.

For example in a famine there may not be enough milk produced and children would not get enough calcium in their diet, this would effect their bones and this weakness could be passed on to further generations.

We all know that a pure stream as it flows from its source will pick up more impurities the further it gets from its source.

Death comes now through our cells breaking down and wearing out, and malfunctioning. it is said that your whole body is replaced over a 7 year period.

As the genes of our bodies begin the aging process so our cells begin to break down.

Also we die through:- accident, (car crash because of black ice,) disease, (Malaria, dysentery, cancer etc) and sin (drink driving car crash, greed, anger, war etc.)



"All creation anticipates the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay." Rom 8:21;





- Rom 5:12; "Well then; it was through one man that sin came into the world, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned." NJB
  - In Summary we see:- Three things are said in v12;
    1. By the act of one man sin entered the world -
    - 2. As a consequence of sin and loss of access to the tree of life.

      Death entered into the world.

      Man has suffered the consequences ever sincediseases and death. (physical).
    - 3. But also by the one man-all who follow after Adams way of disobedience suffer the same fate of being separated from God. (spiritual death.)

Two possible understanding of "all have sinned"

1) All sinned in Adam.

2) All sinned in their own individual lives.

Both are possible grammatically.

The context will show point 2 to be the right understanding.

## More drastic than Physical death was Adam's SPIRITUAL separation from God.

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. Gen 3:7;

"He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." Gen 3:10;

Their sin had broken their relationship with God and SPIRITUAL DEATH had entered into the world.

### Adam and Eve see that sin separates.



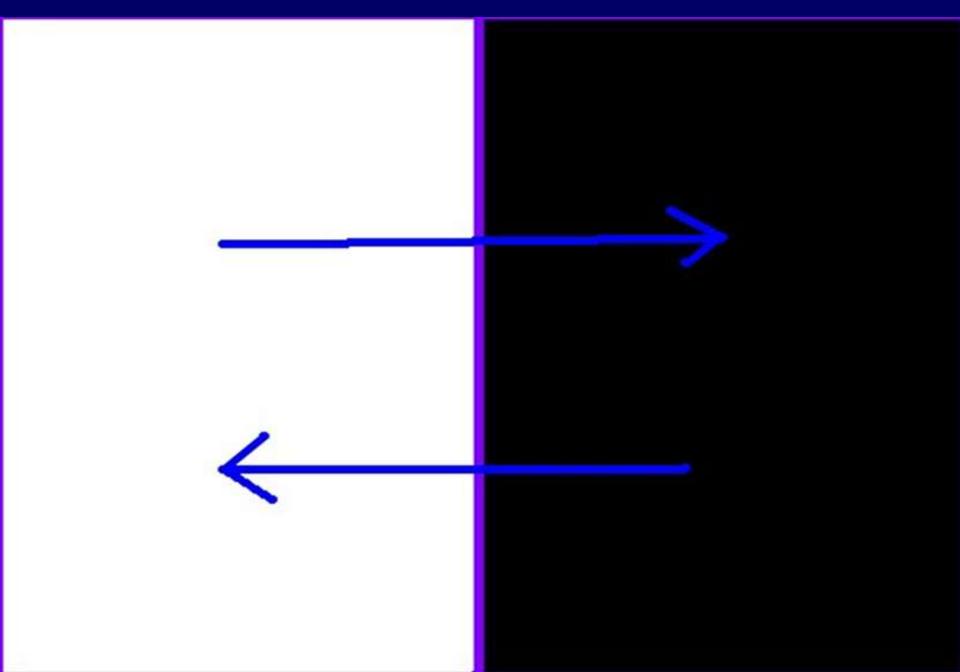
Did Adam's Sin Make All Men Sinners?

Man is NOT born a sinner, but is innocent until he violates his OWN conscience.

It has to do with our learning the difference between good and evil, becoming more susceptible to sin, and being driven out into a hostile world.

Then when we are old enough to understand that what we have done is contrary to the will of God, at that point we becomes a sinner, as all men have done. (with One Exception).

#### Life to Death / Death to Life



# Some say that because ADAM sinned WE are born sinners and WE have no choice but to sin;

THAT is WHY we sin THEY say; SO we have an excuse:it was Adams fault.

# What is ADAMS excuse? WHY DID HE SIN?

BECAUSE like ALL of us GOD gave ADAM a FREE WILL to make CHOICES.

Adam was surrounded by GOOD and made a WRONG CHOICE, why should we who are often surrounded by the influences of evil want to blame Adam when we make bad choices?

IS IT BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN ACTIONS!

Through Adam's sin and its consequence of being removed from the garden physical death entered the world;

Therefore because of our physical genetic connection to Adam, we also die physically;

We do not die physically because we also all broke a commandment but because we share Adam's mortal nature.

It also is true that all who sin, suffer the fate of spiritual death as well.

Physical death passed to everyone because of Adam's sin and separation from the tree of life.

Spiritual death comes to everyone because "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (3:23;)

Paul's main point is not so much the guilt of Adam but the universality of sin ("all have sinned") and of spiritual death, the result of sin.

All men born into this life will die physically (the consequence of Adam's sin which was separation from the tree of life in the garden, to which Paul refers in the phrase "and death by sin.")

This fact does not mean that all will share in the guilt of Adam's sin - there is a vast difference.

Children of an abusive, alcoholic father may bear the consequences of their father's sin, but that does not mean that they share in the guilt and the blame of his actions.

To contend otherwise (viz, that man inherits the guilt of Adam's sin) contradicts that which Paul has already explained in Rom 1 to 3; Also that which Paul teaches in Rom 9 to 11;

There are numerous other passages which teach that sin and guilt are entirely individual. (Isa 59:1-2; Ezek 18:20; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16; Gal 6:5;)

Paul's references to "death by sin" and "for that all have sinned" make it clear that he has spiritual death in mind at the close of Rom 5:12;

It is only when man freely chooses to transgress God's law that man dies spiritually.

The Bible makes it clear that man is responsible only for what he does or does not do. (Isa. 59:2; Ezek 18:4; Rom 6:23;) and nowhere teaches that man is born with a sinful nature. (Matt. 19:14; Heb. 12:9).

- We must not forget Paul's theme in Rom 1 to 3:(1) The Gentiles are guilty of sin. (Rom 1;)
  (2) The Jews are guilty of sin. (Rom 2;)
  (3) Therefore, all are guilty of sin. (Rom 3;)
  - Gal 3:22; states, "But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

Again, all are guilty of sin because all have chosen and continue to choose to commit sin. (Rom 3:23;)

Paul does not say in Rom 5:12; that Adam's nature was corrupted by his sin and then passed on to each consecutive generation, as so many teach.

## Do children die because they inherit the guilt of Adams sin?



Infants die, not because they sinned, but because Adam lost access to the tree of life, death is now an everyday reality.

If Adam had not sinned and suffered the consequences there would be no physical death. Because Adam sinned we ALL ultimately must die.

Death comes now through cell malfunction, accident, (car crash because of black ice) disease, (malaria, dysentery, cancer etc) and sin (drink driving car crash, greed, anger etc)

But there IS A DIFFERENCE between PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL death.
We die spiritually because of our own personal sin.
We are not "natural-born" sinners.



Augustine.

#### **ORIGIN SIN**

As far as we can tell, Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354-430) in North Africa, was the first to teach a doctrine of original sin.

Original sin according to Augustine "consists of the guilt of Adam which all human beings inherit."

"As sinners, human beings are utterly depraved in nature, lack the freedom to do good, and cannot respond to the will of God without divine grace"

Augustine taught that infants are born sinners spiritually dead and separated from God at birth.

This is sometimes called the doctrine of Total Hereditary Depravity of the soul.

The Roman Catholic Church and some others still believe and teach a similar doctrine today.

Catechism 403 "Following St. Paul, the Church has always taught that the overwhelming misery which oppresses men and their inclination towards evil and death cannot be understood apart from their connection with Adam's sin and the fact that he has transmitted to us a sin with which we are all born afflicted, a sin which is the "death of the soul".

291 Because of this certainty of faith, the Church baptizes for the remission of sins even tiny infants who have not committed personal sin."

The western church accepted the views of Augustine, although with some modifications.

The definitive statement of this is the canons of the Synod of Orange in AD 529.

"What is meant by "the doctrine of original sin" is usually some version of Augustine's teaching:
"All people (Christ excepted) receive the consequences of Adam's sin and are born not only with a tendency to sin but actually as sinners."

George L Murphy "Roads to Paradise and Perdition:

Christ, Evolution, and Original Sin" p113

## Some Protestant Churches Also Believe and Teach this Doctrine.



Some Protestant Churches also Believe and Teach this Doctrine of Original sin.

John Calvin and Martin Luther believed and taught this doctrine.

The churches that came from the Calvinist and Lutheran tradition also still believe and teach this doctrine.

This includes the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists – all who "baptize" babies. This is not what the Bible teaches.

Those who teach infant baptism (sprinkling) Say man is born a spiritual sinner.

5:17; By the trespass of the one man, death reigned.
5:19; Through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners.

Not just that our actions are bad Our actions arise out of our fallen nature.

What we do arises out of what we are.

Adam's action affected us Spiritually.

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They teach:- Our sin nature is inherited: Psa 51:5; "Behold, I was shaped in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Another translation tries harder Psa 51:5; "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."

Eph 2:1-3; "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...
Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath."

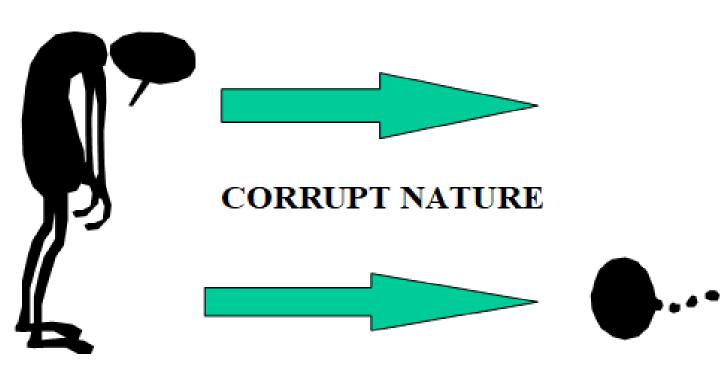
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They teach:- To get our sin nature, all we had to do was be born.

To get rid of it, all we have to do is die. (Rom 5:12;)

Mat. 23:25; "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess."

# ORIGINAL SIN IN AUGUSTINIANISM & CALVINISM



ADAM: ORIGINAL SIN

**GUILT** 

ME: INHERITED BOTH CORRUPT NATURE AND GUILT

### **TULIP Inherited Total Depravity:- Part of the CALVINIST doctrine.**

- T Total hereditary depravity: Babies inherit the sin of Adam and are totally depraved and therefore unable to respond to the gospel message of Christ.
- U Unconditional election:- (or predestination) God had a master list of those who will be saved and those who will go to hell before creation in Gen 1:1. The list is unchangeable.
  - L Limited atonement: Christ did not die for all men but only those on the "saved list."
- I Irresistible grace: God sends the Holy Spirit only on those the saved list which removes their depraved nature inherited from Adam and creates within them a saving faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit thereafter guides them directly to understand and correctly interpret the Bible.

#### P - Perseverance of the saints:-

A child of God once saved, cannot be lost.

They Teach:- "Every baby starts life as a little savage.

He is completely selfish and self-centred.

He wants what he wants when he wants it - his bottle,
his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch."

"Deny him these wants, and he seethes with rage and aggressiveness, which would be murderous, were he not so helpless."

"He is dirty. He has no morals, no knowledge, no skills. This means that all children not just certain children, are born delinquent."

"If permitted to continue in the self-centred world of his infancy, given free reign to his impulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal...."

Minnesota Crime Commission, cited in Ray Steadman, From Guilt to Glory, 160.

They teach that this God before creation decided
That He was going to create 10 Billion people
(just as an example Number) then this God decides
He will damn 9 billion of them to burn in hell
for an eternity. Because it pleases God to do it!

God had not created these people yet but what God says is already decided as to what will happen to them.

I will create them and then burn them eternally in hell because it pleases me to do so.

I will take a certain group of the 10 Billion, a minority say 1 Billion and I will save them.

They say:- This damnation will have nothing to do with their response to me or what they think about me.

I have already made the decision about their end before they have even existed.

Someone will say NOBODY BELIEVES THAT!
YES THEY DO.

This is the teaching of the Consistent Calvinists.

John Calvin who systematised
the work of Augustine of Hippo.

This is the basis of much of the Neo Reformatist
people believe and teach.

Clark said:- "when a man becomes a vile drunk, murders wife and then is butchered one way or another." Clarke said:- God did that, God Purposed that, God predestined that, The man had no choice.

Arthur Pink said:- "I am sorry that Calvinism is being watered down. It is NO LONGER Calvinism, God has arranged before anybody knew anything about it,"

"and He arranged it so that no-one has anything to do about it. It does not matter what they think or say!"

"It never did, for God had already arranged what He was going to do."

John Piper says:- "God is almighty, knows everything and everything He does, He does because it comes out of Him and pleases Him."

"And NO ONE does or says or thinks ANYTHING that affects God's decisions. God is not influenced by any bodies thought or deed."

Piper claims:- "If you can influence God's decisions then God is at your disposal in some shape or form and God is not like that."

But even Piper could not live with Consistent Calvinism for a number of years ago he changed his mind about babies dying.

Because of the Calvinist doctrine Piper had been required to believe that babies when they are born and then die are damned and will burn in hell because they do not believe the Lord Jesus Christ.

Piper has now dropped that teaching and says babies will not be damned and go to hell! WHY because they have not done anything wrong!

At least Piper has put aside his Calvinism on that point and come round to true biblical teaching.

John Wesley (Armenian) and Mr Whitfield (Calvinist)
Whitfield said to Wesley "I agree with
Augustine that the floors of hell are crawling
with un-baptised infants not a span long."

Wesley is purported to have replied "Whitfield your God is my devil." see Sermon 28 "free Grace"

We hear people speak about Predestination, Foreordination, Double Predestination, Supralapsarianism, Sublapsarianism, Infralapsarianism.

See http://www.wnking.com/calvinism.htm for example.

When you get all confused about some of these things. Think God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who loved us and allowed His Son to die for us. He is not going to send us to hell

without giving us a choice in the matter.

Mr EWING-IN HIS LECTURES p 62 says:-"The whole soul of man is entirely depraved, corrupt, and alienated from Goda child of wrath, an heir of hell, going astray from the womb, conceived in sin, an enemy of God, having a heart deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; the understanding darkened, the affections earthly, and the whole man sensual and devilish;"

Rom 5:14; "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offence of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come."

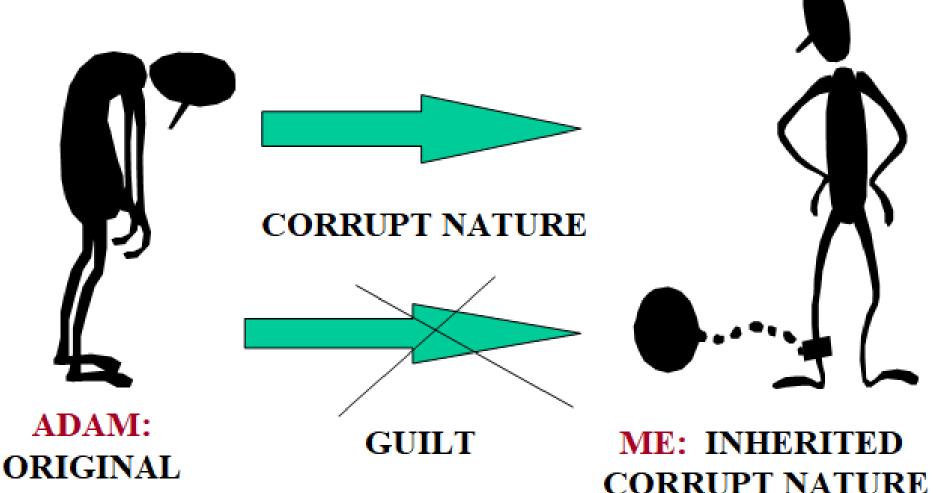
# The PRESBYTERIAN CONFESSION continues the thought by saying that:"This corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated" so this implies that even Christians are still "entirely depraved, sensual, and devilish, an enemy of God, and an heir of hell";

#### Westminster Shorter Catechism

Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

# ORIGINAL SIN IN CLASSICAL ARMINIANISM



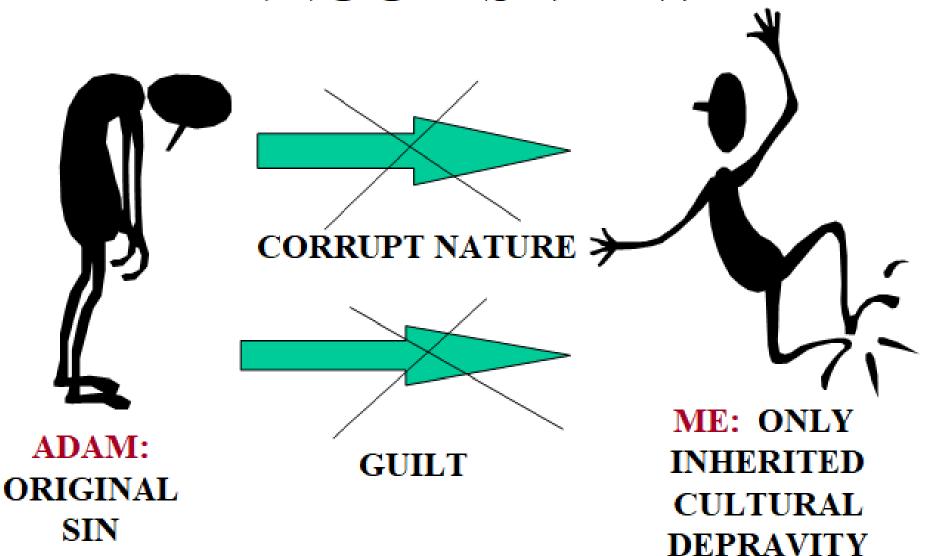
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#### **CLASSIC ARMINIANISM**

"human beings in their sinful, fallen, rebellious state, are naturally hostile to God, perverse in thinking, and utterly incapable of recognizing, admitting, and then receiving the truth of the gospel."

# ORIGINAL SIN IN CLARK PINNOCK'S VIEW



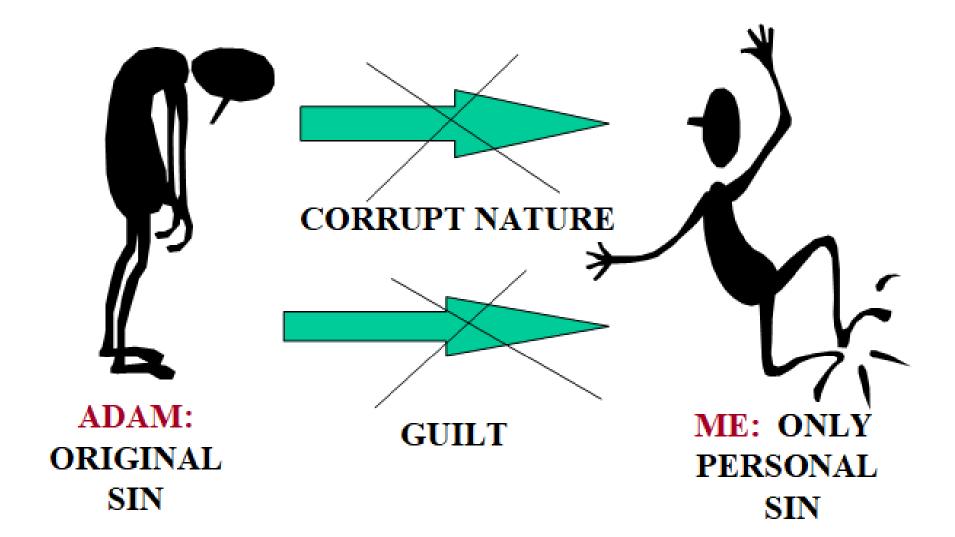
Jam 2:16; "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away."

Lust of the flesh:- Most of the time the word "lust" is used in a negative sense in New Testament passages like these: "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts." (Rom 13:14;)
"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Gal 5:16;)

The "lust of the eyes" speaks of eyes that are delighted with riches and rich possessions; this is the lust of covetousness.

The "pride of life" is a vain craving for honour and applause, or the stubborn mind-set that will not allow one to repent of and confess their sins. King Saul is just one of many Bible characters who allowed pride to destroy them. 1Sam 15:1-23;

# ORIGINAL SIN IN PELAGIANISM



Pelagianism carries with it a mix of other baggage that we would not agree with but as far As the cartoon is concerned it would describe better what Paul is speaking of here in Romans 5:12-18;

Adam and Eve were created by God with no tendency to sin and no sinful nature and they knew what God had asked of them yet they succumbed to temptation and fell.

We in our time have far more temptations surrounding us and peer pressure to do what everyone else does than Adam and Eve.

WE know what God wants of His people yet all too often we disobey and we make the wrong choices and fall in much the same way as Adam had done.

Many in the religious world are rebelling against their churches teaching on original sin and are striving to put forward a more biblical view than is found in many of the creeds. For example:-

As an alternative to Original Sin, the Prayer Book "Outline" proposes that "human beings are born "in the image of God."

Born basically good, human beings possess innate capacities to love, to create, to make many kinds of choices, and to live in harmony with God and nature."

Some would say further "that God's grace (spiritual assistance) is needed for these capacities to be lived out in this idolatrous world that continually shackles its human residents."

## Text from The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church – page 845 Human Nature.

- Q. What are we by nature?
- A. We are part of God's creation, made in the image of God.
  - Q. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

    A. It means that we are free to make choices:
    to love, to create, to reason,

    and to live in harmony with creation and with God.
    - Q. Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?
    - A. From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices.
      - Q. Why do we not use our freedom as we should?

        A. Because we rebel against God,
        and we put ourselves in the place of God.

When Christians declare "made in the image of God" they are not proposing that human beings are exactly like God!

They are not claiming that God has a mortal body, is male or female, or has other human limitations!

Instead, Christians are proclaiming basic human goodness and the capacities to act personally rather than like a mindless, heartless robot.

#### **Are Infants Born Sinners?**

Matthew 19:13-14; "Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them."

"But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Matt 18:3; "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."



The context of Jesus' statement is the disciples' question, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" How could they be spiritually dead in sin?

Rom 5:12; "Well then; it was through one man that sin came into the world, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned." NJB

Paul, in Romans 7:9-10; says:- "I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me." (spiritual death.)

"Alive Apart from the Law." Paul says here that he was alive (spiritually) until he understood the law then disobeyed one of its commands.

It was at that point he became a sinner and died spiritually.

The death he speaks of here must be spiritual death because he is still alive in the flesh when he writes this and says he "died."

# Is this little baby born totally inherently depraved a sinner?



**JACOB** and **ESAU**.

Romans 9:11; "But before they were born,
BEFORE they had done anything GOOD or BAD,
she received a message from God.

(This message proves that God chooses according
to his own plan, 12 Rebecca was told,
"The older child will serve the younger one.")

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In Ezekiel 18; God tells the people of Israel that a person who sins, dies because of his sin but can come back to life if he repents.

He cannot be talking about physical death so He must be talking about spiritual death.

If a person broke the law and was stoned to death he would have no opportunity to repent and regain his life.

Rom 5:12; "Well then; it was through one man that sin came into the world, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned." NJB

The concept of original sin, as taught by some, in the sense that every infant born into the world is a sinner and spiritually dead, is not taught in the Bible.

What is taught in the Bible is that our bodies die as a consequence of Adam's sin which resulted in a loss of access to the tree of life, but our spirits are alive and we live in a relationship with God until we personally sin.

When we choose to sin consistently the consequence is that we lose our close connection to God and our fellowship with Him.

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#### **No Law (?)**

Although there may not have been a written code of laws like those God wrote for Moses and Israel on the tablets of stone.

There was the knowledge of right and wrong, good and evil.

Genesis 2:17; "From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it in dying you will die."

Rom 5:12; "Well then; it was through one man that sin came into the world, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned." NJB

### Sin Is Not Imputed Where There Is No Law.

Since sin WAS imputed and death DID pass upon all men because they all had sinned, this verse is saying there WAS a law before the Law of Moses was given to the Jewish nation.

There has NEVER been a time when man has NOT been under a law given him by God. Adam had one; Noah had one; Job had one and so has every person who ever lived on earth.

### Paul says that sin characterized those who lived even before the law of Moses was given.

Since "sin is not imputed where there is no law," the implication is unavoidable that those from Adam to Moses were accountable to some God-given law system (i.e. what we generally call, for lack of a better term, "Patriarchal" law.)

It also follows that men are sinners only to the extent that they transgress the law system under which they live (a point Paul made previously several times.) Rom 2:12-16; 3:19; 4:15;)

Thus, those living under Patriarchal law (which continued for Gentiles until the cross,) were accountable only to it. Likewise, the Jews who lived between Sinai and Calvary were accountable only to the law of Moses.

Since the law of Christ is universal (Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16;) and went into effect upon the death of Christ. Matt 26:28; Rom 7:1-4; Heb 9:15-17; 10:9-10;)

All who have heard the gospel since the death of Christ will be held accountable to the law of Christ on The Judgment Day. (John 12:48;)

## Because Adam, sinned, Man was exiled from the Garden, separated from the Tree of Life.

But he carried the knowledge of good and evil (right and wrong:-a moral law) with him.



#### THE MORAL OUGHTNESS WITHIN.

Man did have a law written in his heart, an unwritten law of right and wrong.

If that were not true how could God condemn and destroy the old world by the Great Flood of Noah?

#### **Romans 2:12-15**;

"For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts,

their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them."

Law is for human beings. For example, animals are not convicted and sentenced for kidnapping or theft.

Law is only for accountable persons.

Babies and Mentally disabled are not counted as violators. Children and certain others are:

"alive without the Law."

Others heard the words of a prophet but all of them at least had the law "written in their heart" and were accountable for that. (Rom 2:15; 1:32;)

God counted sin against Cain. (Jude 11;), against those who rejected Noah's preaching. (Jude 14-15;)

Against the Amorites. (Gen 15:16;)
Against Pharaoh. (Ex 9:34; 10:16;)

Against Balaam. (Nu 22:34;)
Against the Ninevites. (Jonah 1:2;)
He holds up Sodom and Gomorrah
as examples of sin's consequences. (Jude 7;)

The ancients who had received direct revelation were accountable for that.

#### Animation of composite flood model.

#### **Animation of Composite Flood Model**

Noah's Flood



Science and Scripture; Geology and Genesis.

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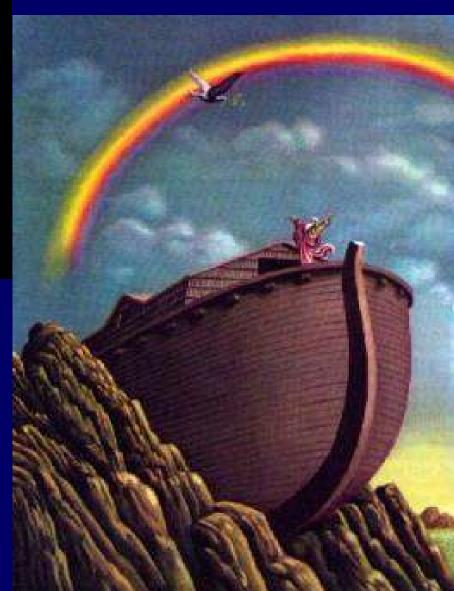
"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5;



The sinners were destroyed and the righteous inherited a new world.

But it wasn't long before they too corrupted it.

(Romans 1:18-32;)



After Adam and Eve chose to sin in the garden they suffered the consequence of being removed from the garden which affected them and all those who came after them physically through our genes.

Another consequence of their sin was they suffer separation from their former special relationship with God because sin always separates.

All who make similar choices to Adam and Eve and disobey God's moral law which was given to mankind suffer the same kind of separation.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isa 52:6;

## There is some point in each persons life When we chose to do what we know is wrong.

When each person does wrong we become accountable because of age and ability, and when we sin, we suffer spiritual death.

KNOWLEDGE BRINGS RESPONSIBILITY WHICH BRINGS ACCOUNTABILITY.

Sin brings Spiritual death, which as defined in the Bible, has the consequence of separating us from God.

Adam's offence was different from that of any ordinary sinner who came after him because:-

What Adam did affects all men in that it brought the consequence of PHYSICAL death by losing access to the tree of life.

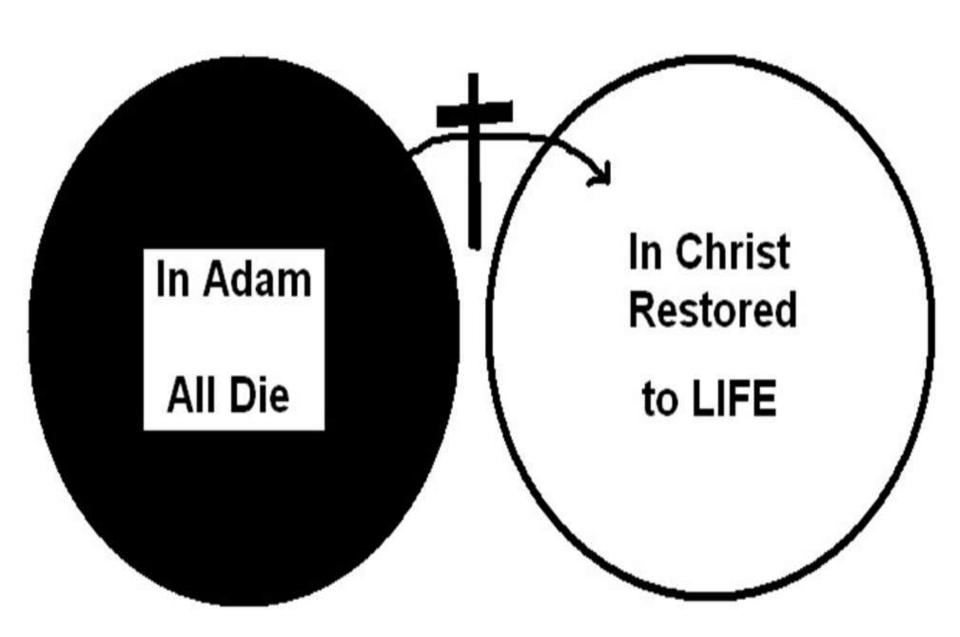
Our sin today may have serious consequences but will never have the impact that Adam's had in loss of access to the tree of life.

We have in the last century mans inhumanity to man well documented. 
"In the Soviet Union, under Stalin and his rule. It is claimed that under Stalin 20 million people died" NHEDRIN, 69b

Solzhenitsyn claims that "69 million people died under communism."

Historian Frank Dikotter writes that "during Mao's cultural revolution 45 Million Chinese people died."

### SPIRITUAL death is CONDITIONAL.



IF in ADAM ALL SPIRITUALLY DIE automatically irrespective whether they are GOOD or BAD, or INNOCENT or SINNERS.

Then it would follow that IN CHRIST ALL are made SPIRITUALLY ALIVE automatically irrespective whether they are GOOD or BAD, or INNOCENT or SINNERS.

WE KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE.

SALVATION is CONDITIONAL on our FAITH AND
OBEDIENCE in ACCEPTING Jesus as our SAVIOUR.

So also SPIRITUAL death is CONDITIONAL.

#### **ADAM A TYPE OF CHRIST. (Rom 5:12;)**

1. One man Adam.
One Man Christ. (Rom 5:12-15;)
2. One transgression.
One great act of obedience. (Rom 5:12, 14, 17, 18;)

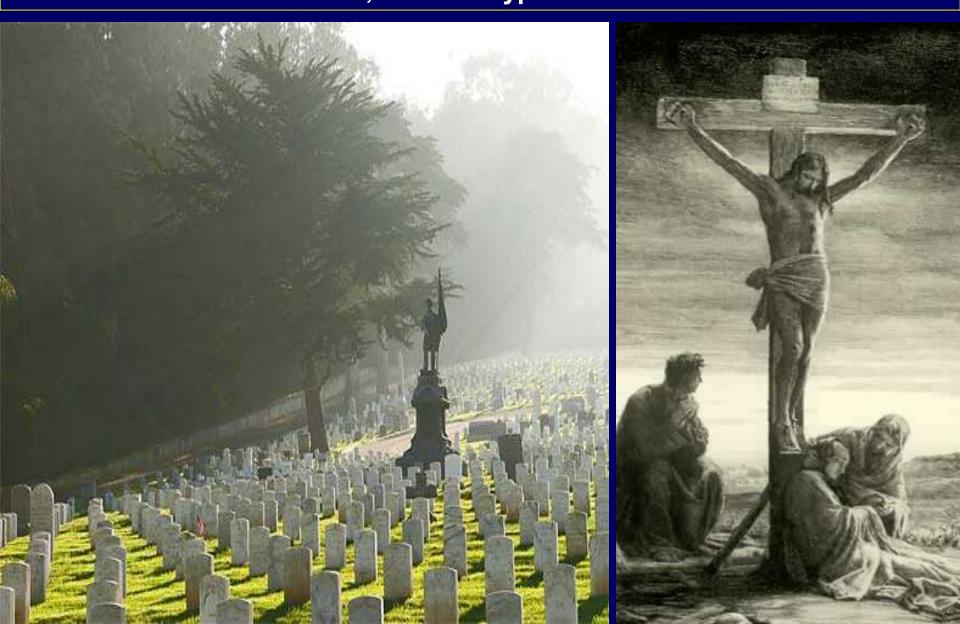
3. Death spread to all.
The gift of grace by Christ abounded to the many
(Rom 5:12, 15;)

4. Many offences.

Many made righteous. (Rom 5:16, 19;)

5. Ultimate effect of Adam's sin, condemnation.

Grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 5:18, 21;)



What Adam brought upon the bodies of all men (physical death), Jesus has undone for all men, in that through his resurrection he has shown that Physical death is not the end.

More importantly through Jesus death burial and resurrection Jesus has broken down the barrier of separation because of sin between men and God

But the redemption of the soul is only for those who believe and obey.

There is a dual redemption:- the spiritual can take place now, the Physical when Christ returns.

## ADAM AND JESUS COMPARED:- Romans 5; (12) "Therefore, just as through one man sin

entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned,"

(18) "So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted the opportunity of justification of life to all men."

(19) "For as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many were made righteous.

### Before and After. (5:10-21;)

BEFORE

**In ADAM** (v13)

Sin entered (v12)

Death by Sin (v12-14)

**Condemnation (v16)** 

Judgment – all must die (v12)

Moses/Law enters (v20)

Sin abounds (v20)

AFTER "Much more"

In CHRIST (v10)

**Atonement finished (10-11)** 

**Grace by Christ (v15)** 

**Justification (v16)** 

Gift of Grace for all (17-18)

Christ's obedience (v19)

Grace abounds (v20)

"Sin reigned unto death." (v21)

"Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life." (v21)

Physical and Spiritual Death Came through Adam's Sin.

In 5:12-21; Paul shows that Jesus will undo the consequences that Adam brought upon mankind when he sinned.

The first Adam turned from the Father in the garden of Eden; the last Adam turned to the Father in the garden of Gethsemane.

The first Adam was naked and ashamed in the garden; the last Adam was naked and bore our shame on the cross.

The first Adam's sin brought us thorns; the last Adam wore a crown of thorns.

The first Adam substituted Himself for God; The last Adam was God substituting Himself for us.

> The first Adam sinned at a tree; The last Adam bore our sins on a tree.

The first Adam died as a sinner; The last Adam died for sinners.

The first Adam lost the tree of life; The last Adam is the tree of life.

The first Adam was the head of the old creation; The last Adam is the head of the new creation.

The first Adam was created in God's image; The last Adam is God's image.

The first Adam was to reign over all the earth; The last Adam will reign over all forever and ever.

# The Second Adam Jesus in the Garden.



15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression.

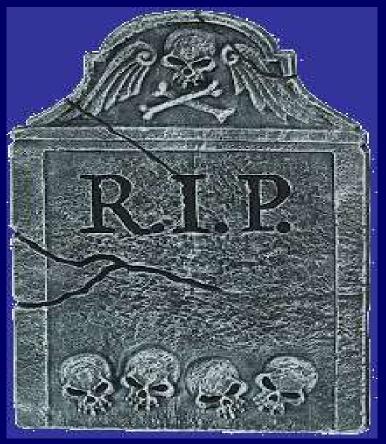
For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

16; "And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification."

16; "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

### Death reigned through Adam; The Gift of Grace reigns through Jesus.





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Death exerted a sinister control over man between the time of Adam and Moses because of sin.

This was true both of those who sinned in unlike as well as in like ways to Adam's sin.

Sin and death are aspects of the kingdom of Satan which will be overcome by the work of Christ and His kingdom.

Paul will again use the metaphor of reigning in Rom 5:17; and Rom 5:21;

Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

Adam lost favour (grace) with God (Adam lived by grace in favour with God)
Through his "trespasses" a falling aside (from right duty.) Gen 2:17; 3:6-24;

Adam fell from grace by disobeying God - Through Jesus Grace restores us to favour. The principle is that man's standing in grace is a relationship to be maintained. 1 Cor 15:1-2; Col 1:21-23; Jn 15:4-6; 10:27-29;

Christ restored grace to man "grace" a free gift abounded for many.
Rom 3:24; John 1:17; Rom 5:15,17-18;

Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

It should also be noted that, even though there are several parallels between Adam and Christ, there are also some distinct contrasts between the two.

Paul first contrasts the sin of Adam with the gift of God.
Adam's sin brought certain consequences into the world for mankind, principally death, both spiritual and physical; but God's gift brought life.

However, as has been shown, each man is responsible for himself spiritually; that is, each one is guilty only of his own sin, rather than that of Adam (or any other).

Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace
of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

## "Many" or "the many" includes all mankind who have physically died.

In Scripture, "many" sometimes means all.

"Jesus shed His blood PERI POLLOON for many."

(Mat 26:28;) "That is, He died for all." (2Cor 5:14-15;)

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone." (Heb 2:9;) Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

"Much more the grace of God"
Is Christ's work broader in scope than Adam's?

Does it embrace more people? Is it more powerful?

Is it more certain and dependable?

Does "much more" indicate the greater inclination of God to save than to punish?

Like the sin that separated Adam from Divine fellowship in Eden, each man's personal sin separates between him and God. (Isa 59:2;)

Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace
of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

The work of Christ forgives man and brings him back into fellowship with God. It also provides a future reward in heaven.

The gain through Christ is much more than the loss through Adam. In this way, the work of Christ is "much more" than Adam's.

Rom 5:16; "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

### Adam's One Sin brought Physical death and condemnation on all men.





Christ's One Gift can Declare us Righteous after many trespasses. Adultery, hate, murder, disobedience to parents, etc.

Rom 5:15; "But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

Paul speaks of "the grace of God" and the "gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ."

The gift of God is eternal life. (Rom 6:23;)
That wonderful gift of God that comes by grace through the sacrificial blood of Christ.

When we acknowledge that grace comes from both God and Christ, have we not accepted the deity of Christ? (compare 2Thes 1:12;)

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"Abounded to many" The abundant riches of salvation are available to everyone in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 2Thess 2:14;

(1Cor 15:22;) "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

# Comparing Adam & Christ Rom 5:14-19;

#### Adam

v15 Introduced spiritual death.

v16 Brought condemnation.

v<sub>18</sub> An act of transgression.

v19 Disobedience made many sinners. (a possibility.)

### **Jesus Christ**

v15 Introduced spiritual life.

v16 Brought justification.

v<sub>18</sub> An act of righteousness

v19 Obedience made many righteous. (a possibility.)

Rom 5:16; "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

Thus far in Romans, Paul has contrasted the results of Adam's sin with Christ's gift of grace.

The gift of Christ brings the remedy to many more than the one man Adam alone. Some take "the gift" to be the bodily resurrection that all will receive unconditionally.

It is better understand it to be whatever grace provides, mainly eternal salvation. We may be sure that the gift brings eternal happiness to all who respond to the gospel in obedient faith.

Rom 5:16; "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

One sin is all it took for Adam to be punished. That sin resulted in untold loss. Christ's righteous act results in uncountable blessing.

Adam's sin and Christ's obedience differ in results.

Adam was expelled from Eden for one offence,
one transgression, that resulted in condemnation.

Judgment because of Adam's sin came upon the whole human race in the form of loss of access to the tree of life bringing the condemnation of physical death. (see Gen 3:15-19;)

"free gift of righteousness"

"Forgiveness of sins" "Salvation" "gift of the indwelling Spirit" are all a gift of grace. It is free inasmuch as it has been totally paid for by Christ.

God's grace is far more comprehensive than merely the atoning for Adam's one sin. By faith, it covers everyone and everything in Christ.

"The many" comprise all mankind. (see v15;) In the present context, "many offences" or "many trespasses" means "all trespasses."

Christ's obedience results in righteousness. It is called "the gift of righteousness." (v17;) Righteousness, in this context, is the same as having faith counted as righteousness. (Rom 4:9;)

When God counts men righteous He saves them by His grace. Sinners are counted righteous when they are forgiven, acquitted and judged free from sin so they may be saved eternally.

How awful are the results of the one sin of Adam. In God's sight, any and all sin is dreadful, disastrous and deadly. An individual dies spiritually when he chooses to reject Christ and go into sin.

Until Christ came, nothing stopped the relentless, just and cruel victory march of death through the world (Gen 2:17; 3:6, 19;). Death reigned! All their lives people lived in fear of it. (Heb 2:14-15;)

"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,"

"and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death."

But now, through Christ they say:"O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory? (1Cor 15:55;)

Christ brings more than a bodily resurrection. He provides "the gift of righteousness" or spiritual life.

Spiritual death reigned through Adam, that is, it began its reign through myriads of people "because all sinned." (v12; see Rom 3:23;)

The bodily resurrection is a major part of what awaits the saved.

#### **ABUNDANCE "FULLNESS" OF GRACE!**

Justified freely by His grace. (Rom 3:24;)
To demonstrate His righteousness. (Rom 3:25-26;)
Abundance of grace. (Rom 5:17;)

The gift of righteousness. (Rom 5:17;) Abundance of joy. (2 Cor 8:2;)

For so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Pet 1:11; Jude 24;)

#### **GOD PROVIDES ABUNDANTLY!**

The plowman shall overtake the reaper.

(Amos 9:13; Lev 26:5; Mal 3:10-12;)

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10; Rom 2:4;)

Able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. (Eph 3:20;) Shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19; 1Tim 6:17;)

Much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. (Rom 5:15-17; 2Cor 9:8; 2Pet 1:11; Jude 24;)

Look again at verse 16. The gift of righteousness is salvation. A gift is something one is free to accept or reject. Salvation may be accepted or rejected.





Thus it may rightly be called a gift. If something is earned, it is not a gift. No one earns salvation.

#### SHALL REIGN IN LIFE.

Those who receive the abundance of grace. Those who receive the gift of righteousness. They "will reign" - implying dignity, liberty, blessedness. (Thayer 98)

In earthly life, even without Christ, there are meaningful events and joyful times. Even though death reigned, life before Christ was not totally wretched and miserable.

But for the Christian, life is a joy and, in a sense, eternal. (John 3:36; compare Tit 1:2;) The future of Christians is much more than just the ending of death's reign.

Through forgiveness and heaven, every tear will vanish and fullness of joy will overwhelm every soul. (Rev 21:4;)

- 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.
- 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
- 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
- 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Adam -> Disobedience -> Death to all

At this juncture in Paul's discussion he reaches a point where he is able to draw thoughts from what has so far been written.

From one [Adam] "who sinned" (v16) who committed "one man's offence," "transgression" or "trespass" (v17) is the condemnation. In a totally different sense, condemnation of sin is said to be of God (see Rom 8:3;)

"For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh."

Paul says that it was through the sin (trespass) of Adam that death was able to reign; but now, through the gift of righteousness, the death of <a href="Christ">Christ</a>, God accepts us and gives us the gift of life.

"offence" (trespass, ASV) refers to Adam's transgression in the garden, while the phrase "righteousness of one" (one act of righteousness, ASV) refers to the righteous act of God in freely giving His only begotten Son.

Christ justifies "one man's act of righteousness" resulted in acquittal and life. Rom 3:24; 4:25;

Adam disobeyed God- then the law came and because men were disobedient they demonstrated their feelings all the more- as us with policemen, deliberately flout the law-the law serves to provoke the attitude that is opposed to God.

(Rom 5:18;) Where sin increased, grace increased much more.

In what sense could "All Men" be condemned and justified? If one were unconditional (Original Sin) then the other would have to be unconditional.

We know universal salvation is not true.

(Matt 7:13-14; John 5:28-29)

God is no respecter of persons.

(Rom 2:11; Acts 10:34-35;)

Both sins and righteousness are based on the free will choice of man. (Rom 6:16-18;)

Rom 5:20; "Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more."

(Romans 5:20;) The Law was given to provide knowledge of sin to man.

As knowledge of sin grew so did man's understanding that he had broken a direct command of God similar to what Adam had done

As knowledge of sin grew so did man's awareness of his need for forgiveness.

In v19; Paul further explains the thought he expressed in v18; where he spoke of the act of Adam's sin and of the act of Christ's righteousness.

The word "disobedience" implies a refusal to hear or at least a careless attitude toward God's will.

"They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers." Jer 11:10;

Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them;

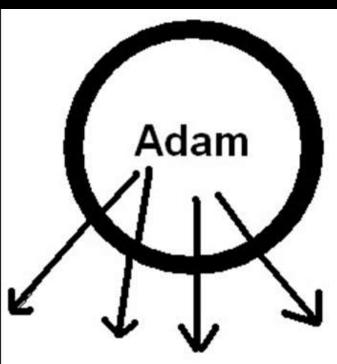
Because I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered."

(Jer 35:17; compare Acts 7:51;)

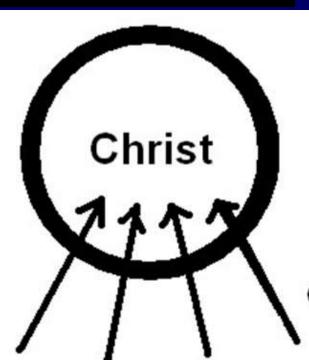
In our day there are many who neglect to hear and obey the gospel. (Heb 2:3;) Others carelessly live an unfaithful life.

# One Act of Disobedience

# One Act of Obedience



Made Many Sinners



Christ's act of obedience was His death on the cross.

Made Many Righteous Rom. 5:18 & 19

In 5:6-10; Paul teaches that it was through the death and the blood of Christ that sinners are reconciled to God. Paul presents the same truth here in v19 but from a different perspective.

The emphasis here is the disobedience of Adam as opposed to the obedience of Christ. Christ, through His act of obedience, stepped in for humanity to offer to God what humanity could not offer: a pure and perfect sacrifice for sin (Heb. 5:8-9;)

Just like one man's disobedience so many chose to be lost, so it is by one man's (i.e. the Christ's) righteous obedience that as many as choose to be are brought into a right standing with God.

#### **Many Became Sinners!**

Because Adam by CHOOSING to DISOBEY introduced sin into the world and then all who reach an accountable age Who ALSO CHOOSE to sin, SPIRITUALLY DIE. Spiritual death is the consequence for all who sin.

So because we **CHOSE to disobey** in a similar act of **disobedience** like Adam, many became sinners.

Jesus' one act of obedience makes a sinner righteous after he has committed many sins.

The sinner also must <u>CHOSE to OBEY</u>, to perform the <u>act of obedience by faith</u> to be justified (forgiven / saved).

## **Choosing to Disobey like Adam did Many Became Sinners!**



Paul contrasts one act with another.

Adam's one transgression or trespass is placed in view along side Christ's one act of righteousness,

[His atoning death].

Christ's act of righteousness was an act of obedience. Paul calls it "one Man's obedience." v19;

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." (Phil 2:8;)

Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

(Phil 2:8; Heb 5:8; 10:7;)

Romans 1:5; "through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake."

Romans 16:26; "This secret has now been made clear through the prophetic writings. The eternal God ordered this, so that when it becomes known, all nations will believe it and obey."

How can faith be "obeyed"?
What happens when a sinner obeys the faith?

Just as condemnation is conditional, so is righteousness. Men and women are made righteous by Christ through the gospel (Ro 1:16-17;)

Romans 6:17-18; "But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became OBEDIENT from the heart to THAT FORM OF TEACHING to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.



Acts 22:15-16; "For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard."
Now, don't wait any longer. Rise up, get yourself immersed and get your sins washed away, trusting in His name."



Rom 6:3-5; "Do you not know that all of us who have been immersed into Christ Jesus were Immersed into His death?

So by our baptism into His death we were buried with Him, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glorious power, we too should begin living a new life.

If we have been joined to Him by dying a death like His, so we shall be by a resurrection like His;"

1 Cor 1:30; "By God's doing (grace) you are in Christ."

1 Cor 12:13; "For we were all <u>baptized by one Spirit</u> into one body- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

### A mystical union.

Matt 28:19; "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

When we are immersed into Jesus, we become the righteousness of God. (Galatians 3:26-29;)

### **CONTRAST - ADAM and JESUS**

**ROMANS 5:12-21;** 

#### THE OLD MAN ADAM --- THE NEW MAN CHRIST

- 1. SIN Trespass
- 2. Disobedience
- 3. Involves all humanity Involves all humanity
- 4. Sinfulness
- 5. Judgment
- 6. Condemnation
- 7. DEATH

**Acts of righteousness** 

**Obedience** 

Righteousness

Free Gift

**Justification** 

LIFE

#### YOUR ETERNAL LIFE IS IN THE BALANCE.



Rom 5:19; "For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous"

Paul now ends his discussion about Adam and Christ. He resumes his consideration of the Law that he left off in verse 13;

There is a logical transition from information about Adam and Christ.

For example, in the discussion about Adam and Christ as well as that of the Law, he mentions the reign of death by sin. (see verses 12, 14, 17;)

Rom 5:20-21; "law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Some understand this to mean the law written on the heart. But was not the law written in the hearts of Adam and Eve before sin entered the world?

Paul is referring to the Law of Moses.
Sin already existed.
The Law "entered," or "came in beside" sin.

It "joined forces with sin" and thus greatly added to its extent and power.

Increasing sin was not law's purpose, it was its effect; that is what law tends to do, as illustrated in Rom 7:7-11;

Sinners can easily rationalize, justify and minimize their evil thoughts and conduct.

The Law clearly exposed those with rebellious hearts. It showed sin in such a way as to be fully recognizable.

It brought out added consciousness of sin.
It made sin more evident and expressed its penalty.

The law exposed and revealed SIN - (remember the example of trespass - crossing a field on your way home; then, one day, seeing the sign which says "NO TRESPASSING", and you are made aware that all this time you have actually been committing an offence, though you did not know it.)

This means that through the coming of the Law, more and more sin became evident.

Or as v.20 says in the R.S.V., SIN INCREASED.

AV. says, "sin abounded."

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SIN ABOUNDED. (Rom 5:20;)
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Hypocrisy. (Mat 23:1-33;)

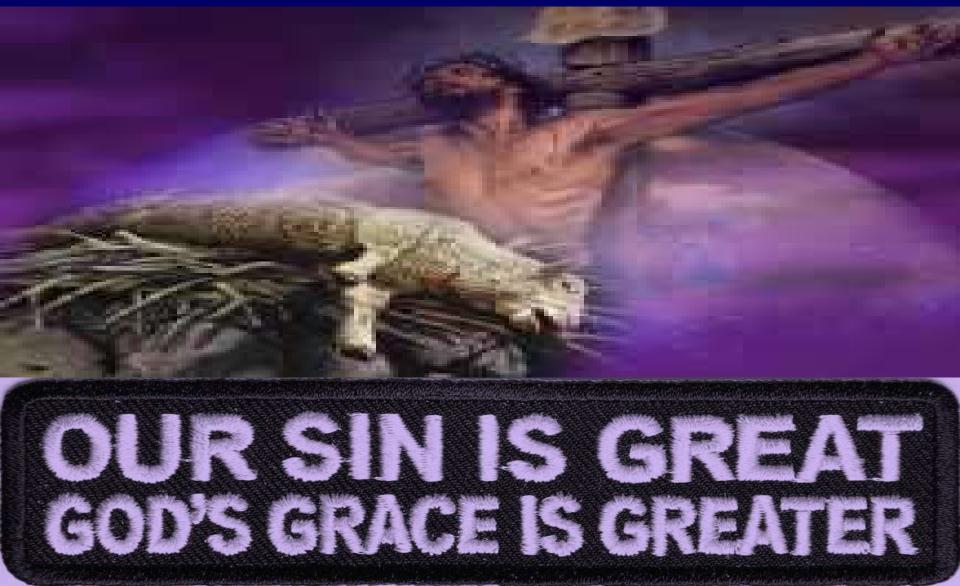
Making void God's law by tradition. (Mat 15:6;)

Idolatry. (Ex 32:4; Num 25:2;

1Kings 9:8, 9; 12:32; 16:31; 2Kings 17:12; 21:21;)

Violation of Law. (Rom 7:7;)
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#### **Grace Abounds to Offset Sin.**



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But, Paul says, that where SIN increased, GRACE
"OVER-ABOUNDED". (The word here is related
to the word HUPERPERISSOS = "over-abundance."

It is the word HUPER PERISSEUO.

"Grace abounded much more" [grace abound, did abound, has over abounded, increased, more, all the more exceedingly]

"And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus." (1Tim 1:14;)

**Grace Abounds to Offset Sin.** 



Paul reminds us of one of the great truths about the grace of God:His grace is far more effective in forgiving sin than the power that sin has in condemning man God's grace can forgive any man, no matter how great a sinner he may be, if he will only respond appropriately.

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Eph. 1:7;)

Of the Christ Paul wrote to the Ephesian saints,

"Sin established its reign by means of death." NEB

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. (Rom 6:14;)

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (1Cor 15:56;)

(Because the Law identifies and highlights what sin is.)

#### THE GOSPEL REIGN. Rom 5:21;

1. Sin reigned in death. (Rom 5:21;)
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 6:23;)

Paul's statement that "... as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord," is a most fitting conclusion to and summary of the discussion of the blessings of justification.

Paul emphasizes that, because of Adam, sin had hold of and led mankind to death, but God's grace can take hold of and lead men to eternal life.

#### **THE GOSPEL REIGN. Rom 5:21;**

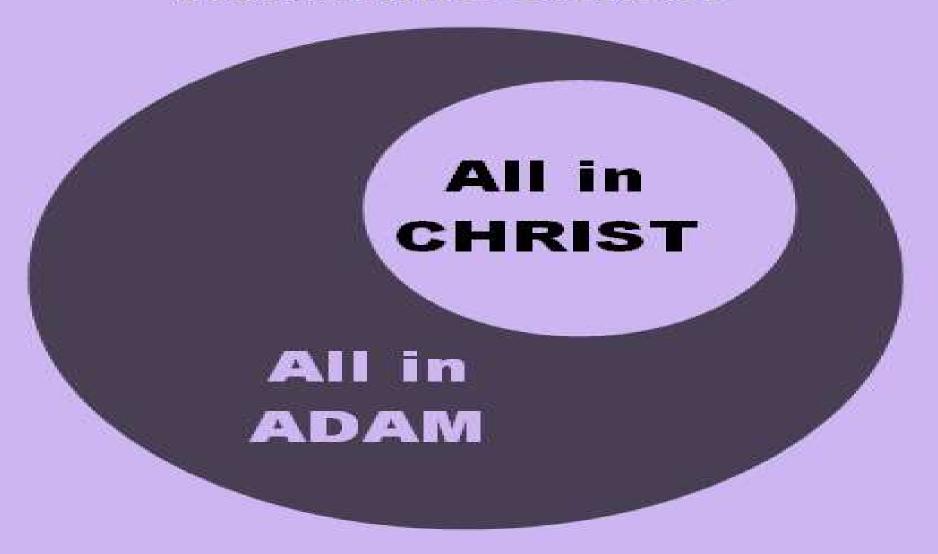
- 2. Reign of grace through righteousness: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for
- it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."
  - 17 "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith" (Rom 1:16-17;)
    - "Even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference. (Rom 3:22;)

This verse (as does the entire chapter), makes it clear that our justification has been made possible through "Jesus Christ our Lord."

[by Jesus Christ our Lord].

"This is the "stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone." Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:11-12;)

#### **ADAM and CHRIST**



The Entire HUMAN RACE

Are you IN CHRIST or IN ADAM?

The law kills:- (spiritually – when a person disobeys just one of its commands or breaks just one of its prohibitions).

But grace cancels out all sin regardless of how many a person has committed.

Because of God's grace
He can save to the "uttermost"
all who come to Him in faith's obedience.

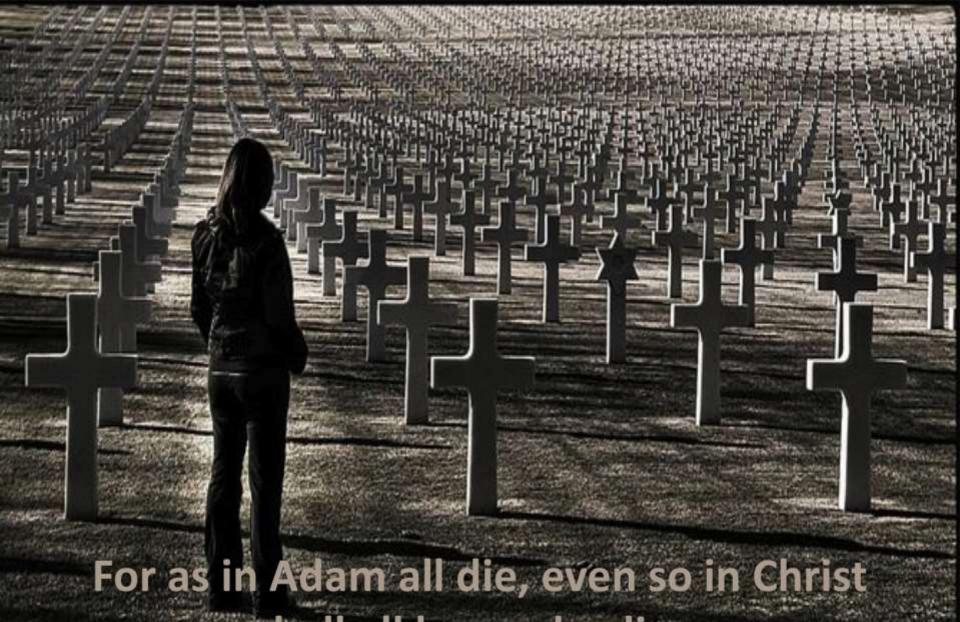
Grace brings those "dead in sin" back to life. In chapter 6 we will see how that is accomplished through our response to the gospel.

God has revealed His GRACE to mankind through
the Death burial and resurrection of His Son.
A SINNER must have Faith
in GOD and the sacrifice of His SON JESUS.
A SINNER must be willing
to REPENT to TURN AWAY
from their past way of life and attitude towards God.

A SINNER must be willing to CONFESS that they TRULY BELIEVE in the CHRIST who died on our behalf to make our salvation possible.

A SINNER must be willing to "OBEY from the heart that form of teaching." This is includes baptism. (Chapter 6).

A SINNER must be PREPARED to Walk FAITHFULLY with JESUS until Death.



shall all be made alive.

1 Cor 15:22

ALL SINNED IN ADAM? - v12; ALL ALIVE IN CHRIST! v18;

By one SIN entered the world. (Unbelief and Disobedience.)

By one SIN is Banished. (Belief and Obedience.)

We identify with Christ or Adam CONDITIONALLY.

THE CHOICE IS OURS & THE CONSEQUENCES ARE



## The Loving Hand that Reaches Down. By Ellis Jones



The eagle soars with outstretched wings In circles 'gainst the sky.

Where he can see for many miles With his eagle eye.



A bigger picture we can see, God's eternal plan. From its beginning to its end, A scheme for saving man.



The nearer we can come to God,
The clearer we can see His loving hand that reaches down
To rescue you and me.

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# ROMAN STUDY SHEET QUESTIONS 1. THE EFFECTS OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH – UNIVERSALLY. Rom 5:12-21;

**ADAM AND CHRIST 5:12-14;** 

List three things that are said about sin entering world.

v13-14; Answer the following:a) What does Paul say was in the world before the law?

What does Paul say reigned from Adam to Moses?

5:20-21;

From these verses- WHY did the Law enter? (come.)

#### **ROMAN STUDY SHEET QUESTIONS 2.**

**THE RESULTS 5:15-19;** 

List some consequences or results of Adam's one act of sin:-

List some results of Christ's one act of righteousness

**ABOUNDING GRACE 5:20-21;** Why is God's Grace sufficient?

v21 What two things does Paul say reign,? and what is the fruit of each reign?