

Romans 5:12-14

Adam's Sin

1. 5:12 - Wherefore...

- a. Why did a man (Jesus Christ) bring righteousness, atonement, life without the law?
- b. Our problem bigger than breaking law, blessing Israel, obeying commands - 2Tim 1:9-10
- c. Christ solves not only Israel's covenant woes, but the problem of all going back to Adam
- d. Paul explains Adam - Outside Gen 2-5, 'Adam' only mentioned 3x OT, 9x NT, 7x by Paul.

2. By One Man's Sin

- a. *"by one man"* - Man is unlike the angels created all at once, we are genealogical.
 - i. Speaks to creation, In the beginning, male and female - Matt 19:4, Mk 10:6
 - ii. Paul speaks more of Adam/creation than others - Rom 5:12, Col 1:16, Eph 3:9
 - iii. It was Adam's sin (not Eve's) - 1 Tim 2:13-14, why?
 - 1. He was given the command - and he hid it - Job 31:33
 - iv. All humanity is from the same man, there is no Jew/Gentile in Adam.
- b. *"sin entered"* - from Adam, not pre-Adam race, evolution & gap theory fails the gaps.
 - i. Sin affects all of us: mind, body, heart, thoughts, philosophy, etc.
 - ii. Sin is the reason for death, pain, suffering, judgment, injustice, poverty, etc.
- c. *"and death by sin"* - Death is universal, the cause/solution is beyond law/Israel.

3. Death Passed Upon All Men

- a. *"death passed upon all"* - All born in Adam's image die because of sin (corrupted life)
- b. How did Adam die? Gen 2:17, 3:3-4, Eze 18:4 - His death not just physical, but spiritual.
 - i. Adam had communion with God, then sin entered, death = no access to life.
 - ii. (In Christ, we have now the atonement, we are reconciled - Rom 5:9-11)
- c. *"for that all have sinned"* - Death because we sin? No. We sinned with Adam? No.
 - i. We are not sinners only because of we sin (sin making people sinners)
 - ii. We are not sinners, because we are guilty of sinning in Adam. (His sin is ours.)
 - iii. True → We sin because we are sinners. For us, spiritual death results in sin.
- d. Original sin - what is it? Adam made sinners due to his sin (not ours), now sinners sin.
 - i. We inherit Adam's depraved, moral, corrupt, broken, cursed, nature of sin.
 - ii. Consequences and effects of Adam's sin are passed on. (ex. child w/bad father)
 - iii. We are under a curse of Adam's sin, because his sin brought death to us.
 - iv. Our (spiritual) death brings sin, due to our being corrupted, flawed, broken.
 - 1. Ps 14:1-3, 39:5, Jer 17:9, 1 Cor 2:14, Rom 3:10, Rom 7:24.
 - v. God does not hold us responsible for Adam's sin or accountable to law.

4. 5:13-14 - From Adam to Moses

- a. *"until the law"* - Adam to Moses, this period is distinct for being without the law
- b. *"sin was in the world"* evidenced by the accounts of sin in Genesis
- c. *"sin is not imputed"* - Not that God is blind, but that man was to sin - Rom 3:20
 - i. Not that all forgiven, but there is no judgment for law transgression - 2:12-15

- d. *"nevertheless death reigned"* - All were dead (2 Cor 5:14), and all died.
 - i. Death was not due to a lack of law obedience, but sin, lack of life (spirits dead)
 - ii. The wages of sin is death with or without the law.
- e. *"similitude of Adam's"* – In that he was sinless, and was given a command
 - i. We did not break the law (Adam did), our spirit is broke (spiritually dead)
 - ii. Life (soul) from Adam leads to death, life from Christ is eternal - 1Cor 15:45
 - iii. Our current clothing is lacking (dying), we look for better clothing -2 Cor 5:4
 - iv. Babies? Die due to inherited mortality. Not judged for sin not theirs.

5. 5:14 - The Figure of Jesus Christ

- a. *"who is the figure"* – Biblical types are explicit – Jer 18:6, Isa 5:7, Heb 9:24, 10:1
- b. The 'as-so' formula for types in the Bible - Matt 12:40, Heb 11:19, Acts 7:51
- c. Adam's figure transcends any shadow within the law, meats, drinks, days - Col 2:17
- d. Adam's sin brought death without our work, Christ's blood brings life without our work
- e. As all have sinned by one (Adam), so in one all shall live (Christ) – 5:12 & 5:18
- f. "By one man" sin/death enters, and by one righteousness/ life - 1 Cor 15:21-22, 44-47

Figure of Christ in Adam (Rom 5:14)

1. Both were men (*though Christ was also God manifest in the flesh*)
2. Both had God as their father
3. Both were made without sin
4. Both had bodies of flesh and blood
5. Both were named by God
6. Both bore God's image
7. Both could live forever
8. Both were offered dominion over the world
9. Both were given a choice of obedience
10. Both talked to God in a garden
11. Both were made under a law
12. Both chose death, to be made sin
13. Both performed one act for all humanity
14. Both were cursed
15. Both bore thorns
16. Both died because of sin
17. Both willingly died by a tree
18. Both brought imputation upon all
19. Both brought something to reign over the world
20. Both obtained something that others could not