

*Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God*  
**"Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ"** David Owens

Romans 5:17

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- A. Thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ we live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world, with all its disappointments, diseases, despair, decline and death.
- B. Once \_\_\_\_\_ entered our world, in all its ugliness and malignancy, it has \_\_\_\_\_ supreme.
- C. Do you notice the pattern in Romans 5: one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_, one wrong \_\_\_\_\_ opened the door to sin and \_\_\_\_\_ for every human being.
- D. When Adam and Eve sinned, it not only affected them \_\_\_\_\_, all of \_\_\_\_\_ fell with them.
- E. We will never understand the world we live in unless we recognize that it is under a \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 8:18-22)
- F. So Adam's sin affected the whole world, but on a personal level, it means that we are not only born into a \_\_\_\_\_ world, we are born to become \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. While Romans 5:12-21 does not have "\_\_\_\_\_" as its focus, it still remains the most important text in the Bible on this challenging theological topic.
- H. The views that Christians hold on original sin can be summarized into 3 categories:
1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Adam was a bad \_\_\_\_\_ that we have followed.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Adam's sin introduced a "\_\_\_\_\_" into the human race.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Adam's sin is the sin of everyone else as well.
- I. Important clarification: Children are not born \_\_\_\_\_ simply because they share a \_\_\_\_\_ link to the original sinner.
- J. Until children reach a point of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, when they can accept responsibility for their actions, they are not held \_\_\_\_\_ before God. (Dt. 1:39)
- K. Three important implications:
1. Adam's sin has somehow \_\_\_\_\_ every person to sin.
  2. We ultimately die \_\_\_\_\_ when we sin \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. We need to have a sober recognition of the reality of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- L. Christianity doesn't just offer a convincing \_\_\_\_\_ of human misery and hatred, it offers the only effective \_\_\_\_\_ for our sinful condition.
- M. The good news is that Jesus has more than just "\_\_\_\_\_" the consequences of Adam's sin.
- N. Sin's destructive power is \_\_\_\_\_, but God's redeeming grace is \_\_\_\_\_.
- O. The \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to each one of us - we must accept God's gift.
- P. \_\_\_\_\_ is the belief that all people will eventually be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q. The fact that people without the Lord are \_\_\_\_\_ will keep us doing what we can to be \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ (2 Cor. 5:10-11, 18-21).

Answer Key: A. Adam, fallen. B. sin, reigned. C. man, trespass, decision, death. D. personally, creation. E. curse. F. sinful, sinners. G. original, sin. H.1. Imitation, example. H.2. Infection, stain. H.3. Inclusion. I. guilty, genetic. J. maturity, accountable. K.1. predisposed. K.2. spiritually, personally. K.3. sin, death. L. explanation, solution. M. undone. N. great, greater. O. choice. P. Universalism, saved. Q. lost, ambassadors.