

## Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



*"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ."*

Col. 1:28

## "The Effect of One Man"

**Rom. 5:12-21**

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- One man, Adam, brought sin into the world. If Eve alone had sinned, mankind would have not have died. Eve would have died. God could have created another from Adam.

- One man, Adam, brought death into the world.

- One man brought the penalty of death because of sin to every person.

### **Gen 2:17**

**17** but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

### **Ezek 18:4**

**4** The soul who sins will die.

### **Rom 6:23**

**23** For the wages of sin is death,

**"spread" - δῆρχομαι dierchomai** - to provide a passageway.

- Every person will experience death because every person is connected to Adam.

- Paul wants to explain this further because this is perhaps not what you think. He will take 5 verses to do so.

### **Death has 2 meaning:**

1. Spiritual death – the separation of man from God.
2. Physical death – the separation of the dead from the living.

Adam and Eve did not immediately die physically when they sinned, but they did die spiritually.

**So, we come into this world sinners -**

### **Ps 51:5**

**5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

### **Ps 58:3**

**3** The wicked are estranged from the womb;

"Every baby starts life as a little savage. He is completely selfish and self-centered. 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-centered world of his infancy, given free reign to his impulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal, a thief, a killer, a rapist."

- Minnesota Crime Commission

## Adam -

1. God appointed Adam to be our federal head, our representative. God chose him and God is perfect in all of His decisions.
2. We cannot say therefore:
  - We would have done better and not sinned.
  - We would have chosen a better representative.
3. Adam was our perfect representative.
4. As our federal head, what Adam does, falls on all mankind.
5. So, any consequences from the decision of Adam to obey or disobey, will fall on the human race by imputation and by seminal descent.

## 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

- Paul begins his explanation, with the Law.
- From Adam to Moses there was no Law.
- With no Law there can be no violation of that Law.
- Therefore, personal sins could not be charged to the one who sins.
- The fact that man dies has nothing to do with his personal sins he commits against the Law of God.
- It has everything to do with the fact that we were in Adam when he sinned.
- Man dies, not because of his personal sins that he does, but because of Adam's one sin.
- **Note:** if you never committed 1 sin in your life, you would still die and be condemned. Why? Because you are in Adam.

## 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

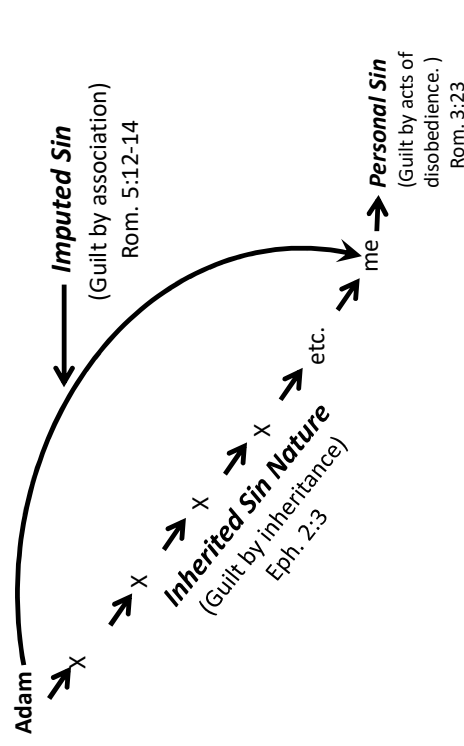
- So, if no Law, and no violation, why did people still die? Doesn't committing sin bring about death?
- 2 categories of people that still died even though they did not commit sin like Adam did:
  1. Those who did not have the Law. (Adam had 1 Law - "Don't eat." He violated it and died.) So why do these die who do not have any Law? i.e. if no violation, why death? Answer: They are connected to Adam.
  2. Babies. Babies have no Law. Why do they still die? They have not committed any personal sin. Answer: They are connected to Adam.

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“free gift” – salvation.

- Salvation, given by Christ, is not like the sin committed by Adam.
- One man's sin produced death and many died.
- One man's gift of grace produced “much more” and “super abounded” to the many who would believe in Him.

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- One man's sin brought judgment and condemnation.
- Sin brings judgment which brings condemnation.
- **Note:** 1 sin condemned the entire human race.
- One's man's free gift brought justification.
- Christ's free gift of salvation was sufficient to cover all of our sin and justify us for eternity,

**17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

- One man's sin brought the reign of death.
- One man's grace and righteousness brought the reign of life and the abundance of grace.
- **Note:** All are in Adam but not all are in Christ. Only those who “receive.”

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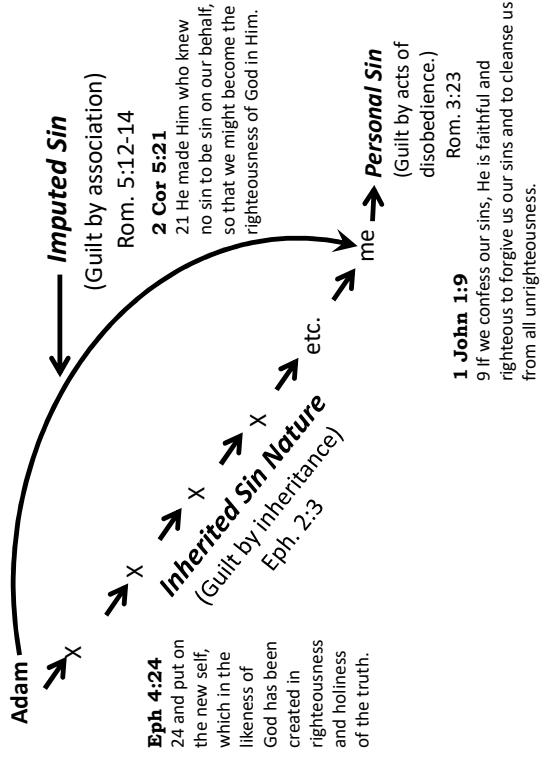
## 50 Things That Happen To You At Salvation

### The believer is:

1. Elect/Chosen (Eph. 1:4)
2. Foreknown (1 Pet. 1:2)
3. Predestinated (Rom. 8:29,30)
4. Called (1 Thes. 5:24)
5. Redeemed (Rom. 3:24)
6. Reconciled (Rom. 5:10)
7. Related to God through propitiation (Rom. 3:24-26)
8. Forgives all sin (Eph. 1:7)
9. Joined to Christ (Rom. 6:1-10)
10. Free from the Law (Rom. 7:2-6)
11. Made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)
12. Adopted (Rom. 8:15,23)
13. Made acceptable to God through Christ (Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:12)
14. Made righteous (Rom. 3:22)
15. Sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)
16. Perfected forever (Heb 10:14)
17. Justified (Rom. 8:1)
18. Made close to God (Eph. 2:13)
19. Delivered from the power of darkness (Col.1:13)
20. Translated into the Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
21. Planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9-15)
22. A gift from God to Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:6,11,12,20)
23. Circumcised in Christ (Col.2:11)
24. A Priest in the Holy and Royal Priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:5,9)
25. Part of a chosen generation, a holy nation, and a peculiar people (1 Pet. 5:9)
26. A heavenly citizen (Eph. 3:20)
27. In the family & household of God (Eph. 2:19)
28. In the fellowship of the saints (Jn. 17:1,12,1,25)
29. In a heavenly association (Col. 1:27; 3:1)
30. Given access to God (Eph. 2:18)
31. Within the care of God (Rom. 8:10)
32. An object of God's love (Jn. 3:16)
33. An object of God's grace (Eph. 2:7-9)
34. An object of God's power (Eph. 1:19)
35. An object of God's faithfulness (Eph. 1:6)
36. An object of God's peace (Rom. 5:1)
37. An object of God's consolation (2 Thes. 2:16,17)
38. An object of God's intercession (Rom. 8:26)
39. God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)
40. Given the inheritance of God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4)
41. Given light in the Lord (2 Cor. 4:6)
42. United to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1:1)
43. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruit of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14)
44. Born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:6)
45. Baptized in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
46. Indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
47. Sealed by the Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22)
48. Complete in God (Col. 2:9,10)
49. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
50. Glorified (Rom. 8:18)

"If Adam's fall had the effect of producing the ruin of many, the grace of God is much more efficacious in benefiting many since Christ is much more powerful to save than Adam was to ruin."

- John Calvin



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- Now Paul picks back up from verse 12.
- One man's sin – condemnation to all men.
- One man's righteousness – justification to all men who receive it (vs. 17 – those who receive it).
- This is not teaching universalism.

## 1 Cor 15:22

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

- God's grace had to conquer 2 things: 1. Our condemnation because of our sin in order for us to be justified. (Rom.8:1)
- 2. The penalty of death. (1 Cor. 15:54-57)

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- One man's disobedience – many (all) became sinners.
- We are not sinners because we sin. We are sinners because we are in Adam. We sin therefore, because we are sinners.
- One man's (Jesus Christ) obedience - many became righteous.

### **Phil 2:8**

8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

### **20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,**

- So, why bring the Law? To expose the sinfulness of man.
- The Law showed us how desperately we need righteousness.
- The function of the Law is to turn our imputed sin from Adam into actual transgressions, which demonstrates our connection of being in the seed of Adam.
- That, in turn, caused the super-grace of Christ, toward those who believe, to be displayed in an even greater way.

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### **Grace Greater Than All Our Sin**

Juliet Johnstone

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt  
*Refrain*  
**Grace, grace, God's grace**  
**Grace that will pardon and cleanse within**  
**Grace, grace, God's grace**  
**Grace that is greater than all our sin**
2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look, there is flowing a crimson tide  
Whiter than snow you may be today  
3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe  
All who are longing to see His face  
Will you this moment His grace receive?  
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- Sin brought death. Period. Nothing more.
  - Grace brought righteousness and eternal life.
  - In this verse we are given the 4-fold purpose of this entire plan of salvation –
    1. Grace would reign. (21a)
    2. The righteousness of Christ would be the basis of justification. (21b)
    3. Eternal life would be the possession of the believer. (21c)
    4. The Lord Jesus Christ would be praised and worshipped for all eternity. (21d)

### **Application**

1. Sin is not so much what you do. Sin is what you are.
2. Just as Adam's sin was imputed to us because we are in him, so Christ's righteousness is imputed to us because we are in Him.
3. Nothing can reverse our free-gift that we receive at salvation.
4. Salvation is exclusive and inclusive.
5. Adam's act will be that which damns the lost forever. And the act of Christ is that which redeems the saved forever.
6. Which Adam are you connected to?