

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
A Study in the Book of Romans

Life through Christ Romans 5:12-21

“Just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.” Romans 5:18

Read Romans 5:12-14.

1. How did sin enter the world, and what was the result? (v. 12)
2. What was God's warning to Adam and Eve? (Gen. 2:16-17)
3. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve eventually died, but what kind of death did they experience immediately upon sinning? (Gen. 3:8, 23)
4. Based on Adam's sin, what relationship do unsaved people have to God?
5. In verse 13, Paul writes, “Before the law was given, sin was in the world.” What evidence does he present to prove this statement? (v. 14)
6. What Paul is describing in verses 12-14 is called “the doctrine of original sin”—when Adam sinned against God, so did all who would come after him. How does death remind us of our natural condition before God—of our original sin?
7. In today's world, how popular is the idea of original sin? Give examples to support your answer.
8. How was Adam “a pattern of the one to come [Christ]” (v. 14)? Explain what Paul is getting at. (1 Cor. 15:22, 45-49)

Read Romans 5:15–17.

9. List the contrast(s) in verses 15–17:

v. 15

v. 16

v. 17

10. Look at the contrasts that you listed and summarize Paul's main point.

Read Romans 5:18–21.

11. List the contrast(s) in verses 18–21:

v. 18

v. 19

v. 20

v. 21

12. Look at the contrasts that you listed and summarize Paul's main point.

13. What do we have to do to become righteous? (v. 19)

14. What gifts are ours through Christ?

What difference do these gifts make in your daily life and relationships? (v. 21)