

(24) "All Have Sinned": The Effect of Sin without the Law (5:12-14)

Romans: The Outwork of the Righteousness of God

Justification!: The Line of Thought

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 - Exclusivity: Faith Alone, Not Faith Plus Works
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- The New Way Illustrated by the Life of Abraham (Ch 4)
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 - The Effect of Grace without the Law (5:15-17)
 - The Effect of the Law on Sin and Grace (5:18-21)

The Effect of Sin w/o the Law

- (Rom 5:12-14 NAU)
- ^{12a} Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world,
 - ^b and death through sin,
 - ^c and so death spread to all men,
 - ^d **because all sinned—**
- ^{13a} for until the Law sin was in the world,
 - ^b but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- ^{14a} Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses,
 - ^b even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam,
 - ^c who is a type of Him who was to come.

The Outflow of Sin

- ^{12a} Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world,"
- "Just as": to Be Continued with "so also".
 - Interrupted by the Expansion of Arguments on Adam (vv.12b-14) and Christ (vv.15-17).
 - Picked up in vv.18-19, a Summary Statement.
- "One Man" = Adam.
 - Created to Be Perfect:
 - With the Image of God: Life, Personhood, Position.
 - Without Sin and Its Effects: Alienation & Condemnation.

The Outflow of Sin

- Sin (Grk: *hamartia*; Heb: *chata'*)
 - A Concept Never Defined by the Bible Directly.
 - Assumed Understanding by the Knowledge of God as the Standard of Righteousness and Perfection.
 - Any Thought or Action Contrary to the Character of God.
- Sin Did Not Exist Eternally (as Pantheist & Dualist Believe).
 - Sin Is the Absence of Goodness, Which Is Eternal in God.
- Sin Was Created by Lucifer-Satan.
 - He Was Created as the Head Servant of the Household of God.
 - Men Were Created as Children, to Become Sons/Heirs.
 - Angels Was Given Free Will to Experience God's Love, as Men.
 - Lucifer Misused Free Will due to His Jealousy of Men.
 - He Lured men to Sin against God, to Be Unworthy of the Sonship.
- Sin Entered the World (Physical Universe) through Adam's Fall.

The Outflow of Sin

- Adam Was Responsible for the Fall of Mankind.
 - He Was Given Specific Instructions by God (Gen 2:16-17):
 - The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Moral Content).
 - Eat the Fruit (Let Disobedience Enter the Body).
 - Surely Die (Something Very Bad).
 - He Taught Eve Imperfectly (Understandable) (Gen 3:2):
 - The Tree in the Midst of the Garden (Do Not Get Near It).
 - Touch the Fruit (No Touching, No Eating, Right?).
 - Die (Something Never Experienced).
 - Eve Was Deceived (Responsible, but Not Ultimately).
 - Adam Disobeyed Flagrantly (Personally Responsible).

The Outflow of Sin

- **"^{12b}and death (entered the World) through sin,"**
 - The Effect of Sin Is Death:
 - "For the Wages of Sin Is Death" (6:23)
 - Death Is 3-fold:
 - **Spiritual Death:** Separation of Soul from God.
 - Immediate for Adam and Eve (Alienation: Gen 3:8).
 - Born for All Their Descendants (with Sinful Nature).
 - **Physical Death:** Separation of Soul (w/ Spirit) from Body.
 - Delayed by Sure for Adam (Near 1000 before the Flood: Gen 5).
 - Nearer for Later Generations (120 Maximum after the Flood: Gen 6:3).
 - **Eternal Death:** Separation of Body and Soul (w/ Spirit) from God Eternally: Condemnation in Hell.

The Outflow of Sin

- **"and so death spread to all men,"**
 - Death Is Not Eternal (as Naturalists Believe):
 - Death Was Brought Into the World by the Fall of Adam.
 - Death Should No Be Accepted.
 - The Greeks Exalted Understanding (Socrates).
 - The Romans Exalted Bravery and Higher Cause (Stoics).
 - The Pantheist Viewed It as Incarnation into Another Life.
 - Death Should Not Be Denied.
 - The Modernists Psychology Viewed It as an Unnecessary Fear.
 - The Epicurean Culture Ignores It by Emphasizing Youth & Vitality.
 - Death Could Be Defied:
 - Christians Give a Rational Explanation of Its Origin: Historical Entry.
 - Christians Have a Solution: Historical & Future Victory: The Cross and Eternal Life.
 - Death Existed before the Law (of Moses).

The Outflow of Sin

- **"^{12d}for all have sinned."**
 - There Are Exceptions to the Statement:
 - Christ, the God-Man, Did Not Sin.
 - Unborn Children & Babies Died in Infancy Did Not Sin.
 - All Humanity Have "Sinned" in Adam.
 - Adam Is the Head of the Humanity.
 - When He Sinned, All Humanity Sinned "in Him".
 - Levi Was in the Loin of Abraham (Heb 7:9-10).
 - From Adam All Inherited a Sinful Nature.
 - Except Christ, Who Was Conceived by the Holy Spirit.
 - He Is the Representative (Federal Head) of All Men.
 - Men Judged in Adam Can Be Redeemed in Christ.

The Puzzle of Death before the Law

- **^{13a}for until the Law sin was in the world, ^bbut sin is not imputed when there is no law.**
 - The Jews Believed that Sin Can Only Come from the Disobedient of Specific Commands in the Law.
 - But the Fact Is: There Were Deaths before the Law.
 - The Reason Is: There Were Sins in the World before the Law.
 - The Conclusion: Sin Is Much More General Than Defying the Law.
 - It Is Any Thought or Action in Contrary to God's Character.
 - It Is a Being before Being Reckoned/Called-Out by the Law.

The Reign of Death

- **^{14a} Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses,**
 - Death Was Real in Existence for People Who Could Not Be Charged by the Law:
 - The People From Adam to Christ.
 - The Infants Who Died.
 - Christ Who Did Not Sin.
 - The Reign of Death Can Only Be Overthrown by a New Adam: The Last Adam—Christ.

Two Ultimate Patriarchs

- **^{14b}even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam,**
 - There Are These People, Who Sinned and Died without the Law.
- **^{14c}who is a type of Him who was to come.**
 - Adam Is a Type of Christ.
 - They Are All Heads of Humanity: Old and New.
 - They All Pass on to Others the Consequence of Their Personal Action: Sin or Righteousness.
- Lessons and Applications:
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