

The Impact of Sin, Revisited

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Remember, we've started with the passages in Romans 1:16 ... "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the POWER of God unto Salvation for all who believe, to the Jew first and then to the Gentile (i.e.: the non-Israeli)"...

We've looked at God's Righteousness, His Holiness, His Justice, His Law, His Wrath, His Love, His Mercy, His Grace, His Forgiveness, God's Justification of the sinner through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ, Reconciliation, God's HOPE, Spiritual Growth and Maturity ... up to this point.

The Text of Today's Message: Romans 5:12-21

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned — ¹³for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.¹⁴Nevertheless 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.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. ¹⁷For 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.

¹⁸So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. ²⁰The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD.

This week we want to start to unpack this passage, step-by-step and to understand what God is saying to us, what He wants us to learn, deeply.

Today, we are going back again... looking back at the horrible impact of Sin on humanity, upon nature around us, upon the whole universe ... and to begin to see how Powerful God's Love, Truth, and Salvation is in Christ Jesus our LORD in comparison.

In this passage we will see how God is Greater than all of our failures, our sins, our bad decisions, and the impact of sin in our live ...

When SIN was Increasing / Abounding ... then God's Grace Increased and Abounded Even more ... Romans 5:20

So, today we will focus on the Bad News first, mostly ... Sin's Impact ... Sin's Infiltration ... Sin's Power to **Steal, Kill, and Destroy** ...

Romans 5:12 → **Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because ALL sinned**

1. **Implications** → A multitude of implications that starts in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3 ... and causes impact to the whole universe

a. **Death** – There was a Promise from God that Adam and Eve could eat of all the trees in the Garden of Eden, except from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God never said that they could not touch it, make clothing out of its leaves ... or Make hats from the bark ... or sit under its shade ... or make a shelter or home from its branches, etc...

God simply said that they were NOT to EAT of its Fruit ... that's it.

Of the multitudes of other kinds of trees in that Garden whose fruit they could eat, that was the ONLY RULE God placed on them of Prohibition.

God said that in the day that they eat of that Tree they would die.

The **implications** from that statement did not mean that they would immediately die, but DEATH would Come because of disobedience to God's Clear Command of Prohibition.

And so we see that even some innocent baby can die in the womb or during birth or soon after birth, and that baby did nothing, did not commit an act of sin. Yet, because of the Original Sin of Adam and Eve, we as the human Race INHERITED this Death Sentence, so that even an innocent baby can die, without even committing any sinful act.

We all, as humans, eventually die, in one way or another, this is our inheritance because we are ALL **sinner**s.

b. **We are under Judgment, an inherited** judgment and sentence from God ... not because we've done anything wrong, but because of the Sinful Nature we inherited ... sinful, rebellious, obstinate, head-strong, "we don't want anyone telling us what to do", selfish, self-centered, liars, cheaters, thieves, deceivers ... **we want our own way ... we believe God owes us.** That all stems from our sinful nature we **inherited**. We do wrong things because we are sinners, we can't help it. Thus, God must Judge Sin.

- c. **The Impact of Sin** – transformed nature ... transformed plants, animals, the planet earth, stars, galaxies, the universe .. Genesis 3:16-19

To the woman God said, “I will greatly multiply your **pain** in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your **desire** will be for your husband, And he will **rule** over you.”

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “**Because** you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have **eaten** from the tree about which I **commanded** you, saying, ‘**You shall not eat from it**’;

Cursed is the ground because of you; in **toil** you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ “Both **thorns** and **thistles** it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹ By the **sweat** of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall **return**.”

- Woman will have painful childbirth.
 - Woman: her husband shall **RULE** over her.
 - The Ground will not yield food like it did in the Garden of Eden
 - Thorns and Thistles ... sharp things, include **fangs** in animals, as well ...
 - Sweat from toil – hard life ... no real peace here on earth ... nothing like the idyllic life they had while in the Garden of Eden / Paradise
 - In Romans 8:18-22 explains that the “whole of creation” was impacted ...
- ¹⁸ **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was **SUBJECTED** to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who **SUBJECTED** it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its **SLAVERY** to **CORRUPTION** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation **GROANS** and **SUFFERS** the **PAINS** of childbirth together until now.**

- d. **DEATH occurs ONLY after Adam and Eve SIN ...**

This means that animal death, the impact of death throughout the universe **NEVER** Occurred Until this moment ... According to Romans 5:12 and Romans 8:18-22 ... Death, Suffering, Corruption, Decay ... **NEVER** occurred until Adam and Eve Sinned.

Their Sin Impacted the WHOLE Universe ... it was a Universe-Wide Impact.

That is why we can look through Telescopes as far as any instrument and device can see, and we see Star Death (Super Novae, etc.) ... we see Galaxies that have death in them. We see the implications of Black Holes in which stars are being sucked into and destroyed. We see death, destruction, ripping apart, broken planets (asteroids in the asteroid belt) ...

etc... famines, murders, disease, pestilences, wars ...

We also see dead animals with evidence of cancer within the fossil record. Including more and more human skeletons are being found, with bone disease, etc.

We find thorns and thistles in the fossil record ...

We find animals with Fangs (sharp pointing harmful teeth)

We find Porcupines in the fossil record (OUCH !!!)

Since, God's Holy Word is True, and Death only occurs AFTER Adam and Eve ... then what we find in the Fossil Record must have occurred AFTER Adam and Eve Sinned.

The **only** World-Wide Event that occurs after Adam and Eve sinned, as recorded in the Bible (Genesis 6-9) was the Global Flood during Noah's day ... remember Noah's Ark, etc.?

Implications: → **Noah's Flood = Lots of Dead things**, in multiple layers of MUD that eventually hardened and turned to Rock (i.e.: Sedimentary Rock layers) ... all over the surface of the earth (even on top of Mount Everest (sea shells are found up there). In the so-called "Fossil Record", we find dinosaur bones with cancer, we find thorns and thistles, we find human skeletons with bone disease. Thus, the "so-called" "Fossil Record" is in fact the Record of God's Judgment on Humanity during Noah's time. The record of God's Judgment, **in stone**, all over the world is the so-called "Fossil Record". This has been the RECORD of God's Judgment for all to see for 1000's of years until folks came along and rewrote history and the meaning and implications of what it meant, etc.

- e. **Implications:** All of the Book of Genesis is foundational to the rest of the Bible ... that is what Paul the Apostle is basing all his argument upon. Paul is using the Literal, Real, Historical View of Genesis as the Doctrinal Basis for the Reason Christ Died on the Cross for our Sins.

If we allow atheist-evolutionist to destroy that foundation book as if it is just a book of symbolic fairytales ... then there is **NO** Reason for Christ to have come to Rescue us from the coming Wrath of God by the Crucifixion of Christ for our sins. Thus, Satan's Deception, Grand LIE is to make us believe that what is in the Book of Genesis is just a bunch of made-up stories and that mean nothing to us today. But, of course that undermines the Truth of who God is, who we are, and the reason for Christ's Sacrifice for our sins to Rescue us from Judgment to go to Heaven, etc.

The Bible is consistent and proclaims the following:

Foundations:

- i. **God is Creator**, Ruler, Law Giver of the Universe ...

That is why we have Universal Laws of Nature, Physical Laws

That is why we see Design, Engineering Design in Living Creatures

and Plants, etc.

- ii. **God is Judge:** He sets the Rules, **it is His Universe.**
 - iii. **Humans were Created Good in God's Image and Likeness Originally** (Adam and Eve – Genesis 1 & 2)
 - iv. **Adam and Eve Sinned against God and His Word, thus all Humans are Now Sinners. The whole human race (one race) is under God's Judgment** (John 3:18-20; 3:36)
 - v. **Our Only Rescue from God's coming Wrath and Judgment against our sins is His Messiah ... Jesus Christ ... God Demonstrates His Love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8) God's Offer of Forgiveness, Justification, Redemption, Rescue, Salvation is ONLY in Christ Jesus our LORD, God, King, and Savior.**
2. **Sin only leads to Death**, just like Cancer that is not taken care of ... that disease will kill a person... so will Sin ... a Worse Disease that we inherited from Adam and Eve ... unless we allow the Great Physician ... Jesus Christ to take care of our SIN Problem ...
 3. **Today if you hear His Voice calling you, to Rescue you ... Obey His Voice and Repent of your Sins, Surrender unto God, and Receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, LORD, God, Master, and King ... confess your sins and your desperate need for Him today**