

## The Cure for the Curse 2022-01-30

### Romans 5:18-21

*Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.*

*19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

*20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Many traits inherited. Uncle Fred...Adam passed down sin/death to descendants.

- Only way to restore damage done by Adam's fall is through God's grace.

Adam's 1 sin caused all human race to fall into corruption, sin, death....explains the world.

- Eve was "deceived" but Adam disobeyed direct command of God. Genesis 2:16-18

Adam's "small" transgression (did not break the Law) led to physical/spirit death for all people and creation was also corrupted and began to die....reason for a new earth

### Romans 5:12-14

- Death is not natural for human race but penalty for Adam's sin.
  - Death is proof Adam's sin is imputed to Adam-Moses.
    - sinned but no legal violation until the law, so sin was not imputed to them.

Sin is the deep rupture between who are and who are created to be.

- Adam's sin altered human nature. We do not just sin; by nature we are sinners.
  - ⊖ Born guilty before we commit 1<sup>st</sup> sin because Adam's sin, penalty imputed to all sons of Adam.
- Jews not righteous in Abraham but sinner in Adam. no distinction tween Jew/Gentile.

after Law given, sin violated specific commands of God, we do as Adam did. Romans 5:20

- Law increases sin by imputing our guilt to our account. sin in Adam and sin on own.
  - Law increases the realization of breaking the law, grows awareness (broader definition), increased desire to sin....child don't touch.

1 disobedient act brought death to all, 1 obedient act brings eternal life all Christians.

### Romans 5:15-19

- Many (numerically) died in Adam. Many (qualitatively) live in Jesus Christ by grace/faith.

Restoration provided in salvation follows the same pattern but reverse results. 1 Cor 15:45-49

- Adam disobeyed God on man's behalf but Jesus Christ obeyed God on man's behalf.
  - Adam's sin, all in him. When Jesus died, all Christians there in Him.  
Romans 6:8-11
- Means justification & condemnation same—imputation.
  - Adam's sin imputed =all condemned, Jesus Christ's righteousness imputed = salvation by faith/grace

Jesus is far superior to Adam and the gift "much more" effective than transgressions  
Romans 5:15, 20-21, 6:6

- Jesus' one act unleashes grace that produces righteousness, forgiveness, justification, adoption, sanctification, glorification....transfers sinner from death to life.
  - grace replace guilt, righteousness replace sin, life replace death.
    - Grace greater than all/any sin....never reduced because of sin.

faith unites us to Jesus for justification also breaks reign/power of sin....pardoned and purified

- transformed in nature and freed from reign/power of sin.
  - servants of righteousness not sin, enabled to live above circumstances, grow through struggle

Eternal future depends who you are in: Adam or Jesus Christ....No 3<sup>rd</sup> way. 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

- Adam's sin brings death.....Jesus Christ's death brings life.
  - Grace overpowers results of sin.

Only way restore damage done by Adam's fall is through God's grace.

- Birth is both cause and cure for sin...born in sin....born again to righteousness.
  - Only by grace/faith/Jesus Christ is the curse reversed and sinners become saints.