

Grace is GREATER than ALL our Sin ~ Romans 5:12-21

→Scripture Reading Rom. 5:12-13, 15, 17, 21

INTRODUCTION

Romans 5:10 (NIV) For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the DEATH of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we BE saved through His life.

We ARE Sinners by NATURE ~ Romans 5:12-14

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned - ¹³ for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 2:12 (NIV) ALL who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law...

IMPLICATION

→All humans are Sinners by NATURE - we are all BORN with a sin NATURE

¹² When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought DEATH, so death spread to everyone, for EVERYONE sinned. (NLT)

Psalms 51:5 (NIV) Surely I was sinful at BIRTH, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Humans are NOT sinners because they sin - **they sin** because they **ARE sinners**. MacArthur

→All humans are Sinners by PRACTICE - we ALL DO sinful things

¹³ Yes, people SINNED even before the law was given. (NLT)

Romans 3:23 (NIV) for **ALL have sinned** and fall SHORT of the glory of God.

Proverbs 20:9 (NIV) Who can say, I have kept my heart pure; **I am** clean and **WITHOUT sin**?

Galatians 3:22 (NLT) But the Scriptures declare that we are ALL prisoners of sin, so we RECEIVE God's promise of freedom ONLY by BELIEVING in Jesus Christ.

→The End RESULT of Sin - is DEATH

¹⁴ Still, **everyone DIED** - from the time of Adam to the time of Moses... (NLT)

Adam's sin TRANSFORMED his inner nature and led to Physical and Spiritual DEATH and Depravity. That **sinful nature** was passed on to ALL his Descendants... MacArthur

Romans 6:23 (NLT) For the **WAGES of sin is death**...

²³ Sin PAYS its servants: the wage is death... (JBP)

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BUT the free GIFT of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

GIFT of GRACE ~ Romans 5:15-17

¹⁵ BUT the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who RECEIVE God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

IMPLICATION

→We will face JUDGEMENT - UNLESS we RECEIVE God's Gracious GIFT

¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, CAUSED death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His GIFT of righteousness, for ALL who RECEIVE it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. (NLT)

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT) Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He DIE, and only by dying **could He BREAK the power of the devil**, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way **could He set free ALL** who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

John 3:18 (NIV) Whoever BELIEVES in Him is **NOT condemned**, but whoever does NOT believe stands condemned already because he has NOT believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT) For He has RESCUED us from the kingdom of darkness and TRANSFERRED us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, ¹⁴ who PURCHASED our freedom and FORGAVE our sins.

Man of Sorrows what a Name
For the Son of God who Came
Ruined Sinners to RECLAIM
Hallelujah what a SAVIOR

Bearing Shame and Scoffing Rude
In MY Place Condemned He stood
Sealed my Pardon with HIS BLOOD
Hallelujah what a SAVIOR

One ACT of Righteousness ~ Romans 5:18-21

¹⁸ Consequently, 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. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

JUST AS...(Adam) vs. 12

SO ALSO... (Jesus Christ) vs. 18

Romans 3:20 (NLT) For NO ONE can ever be **made right** with God by DOING what the LAW commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

²⁰ ...though SIN is shown to be **wide and deep**, thank God his GRACE is **wider and deeper** still. (JBP)

²¹ So just as SIN RULED over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful GRACE RULES instead, giving us right standing with God and **resulting in eternal life** THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord. (NLT)

TAKE AWAY ??

→Only God can REVERSE what Adam did - we CANNOT

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NLT) So you see, just as DEATH came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, **everyone who BELONGS to Christ will be given new life.**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is IN Christ, he is a NEW CREATION; the old has gone, the NEW has come!