

- I) V12-14 INTRO: Therefore just as *through one man sin entered the world* and
Paul has been teaching the doctrine of *justification by faith*
- II) He pointed out that justification is how God removes sins penalty
It is how God declares the sinner not guilty and totally forgiven
- III) He does this through His grace, because no one deserves this
Ro 3:24 being *justified freely by His grace* through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
- IV) He had already said that all are guilty of sin
This includes *all* humanity, both Jew and Gentile
Ro 3:10 There is *none righteous*, no not one
Ro 3:23 for *all have sinned* and come short of the righteousness of God
1 Ki 8:46 there is no man *who does not sin*
Eccl 7:20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and *who never sins*
Gal 3:22 But the Scripture has shut up *everyone under sin*, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
- V) Paul made it clear: *everyone* is guilty of sin
He now begins to speak of *how* sin entered the world
- VI) V12 Just as *through one man sin entered the world* and death through sin
Notice: Paul takes the Genesis account of the fall of man *literally*
He says that *through one man* sin entered the world
He does not say sin *originated* with man, but that sin *entered* through man
- VII) If sin did not originate with man, then where did sin originate? With Satan
1 Jn 3:8 the devil has sinned from the beginning
From his rebellion, Satan has been the *originator* and *initiator*

of sin

VIII) Through pride, Satan fell from his position of covering cherub:

Ezek 28:17 Your *heart became proud* on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth: I made a spectacle of you before kings

I) After his fall he influenced his fellow angels

Rev 12:9 The *great dragon* was cast out, that *serpent* of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

II) After his fall he entered the Garden of Eden and tempted Eve

Even as he had fallen by pride, he tempted Eve *through pride* to disobey God

Gen 3:4-6 The serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

III) Adam knowingly disobeyed but Eve was deceived

2 Co 11:3 The serpent *deceived Eve* by his craftiness

1 Ti 2:13-14 Adam was formed first, then Eve. And *Adam was not deceived*, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

IV) Though Eve ate of the forbidden fruit the sin was charged against Adam

This is because he had been given the command directly by God

Gen 2:16-17 And the Lord God commanded the man saying Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die

Also: He had headship and should have insisted on obeying God-1 Co 11:3

V) Through his disobedience sin entered into the beautiful and perfect earth

Adam sinned, and his once sinless nature was now fallen

VI) *Sin* entered the world, not sins (*particular sinful actions*)

This speaks of his nature, an inherent propensity to unrighteousness

Adam now had a sin nature, and it is his nature that children inherit

Adam is the *federal head* of humanity: Through him, *all* are sinners

VII) V12 Thus death spread to all men *because all sinned*

His descendants received his fallen sinful human nature

Eph 2:3 (We) were by nature children of wrath

I) Ps 51:5 Look I was guilty of sin from birth, a sinner the moment my mother conceived me

Ps 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born speaking lies

II) God told him in *the day* he ate of the forbidden fruit, he would surely die

Spiritually, he was immediately cut off from God

Ultimately: Adam physically died

Gen 5:5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died

III) Incidentally: This informs us why death, sickness and evil exist

It exists because choices were made to disobey God and evil is the result

Evil is the consequence of man's decisions, not the design of God

IV) V13 For *until the law* sin was in the world but sin is not imputed where

Obviously, sin was in the world, even though Moses' law hadn't been given

This is the reason why people died

**V) If there was no Law forbidding sins, then how could they be judged
Guilt and sin did not begin with the Law, but predated it
The fact they died revealed that sin existed, and its penalty was
experienced**

**VI) Though there was no Law, there was the law of conscience
Their conscience condemned them as violators
This alone made men accountable for their actions**

**VII) V14 Death reigned from Adam to Moses even over those who had not
sinned**

**Adam and Eve took of the forbidden fruit and were evicted
from the Garden**

**Access to the tree was blocked, so it is impossible to sin
exactly as they had**

Due to sinful human nature all are doomed to die

**VIII) V14 Adam who is a likeness (type) of *Him* who was to come
Adam is a type of Christ in that his life and death effected all
humanity**

**1 Co. 15:21-22 For since death came through a man, the
resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die,
so in Christ all will be made alive.**

I) In Adam, all are sinners, by natural birth

In Christ, all are made righteous, by faith in Him

**1 Co. 15:45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a
living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit**

**II) Jesus is called the life-giving spirit in that He imparts spiritual life to
believers**

**Adam imparted his sinful nature, Jesus imparts to us our
Spiritual nature**

**III) QUOTE: The first Adam became, *by his disobedience*, a mere living
soul, and from him we *inherit that nature*; the second Adam, by His
obedience, became a life-giving spirit, and from Him we inherit the**

spiritual nature in us.

Jn 5:21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wishes.

IV) V15 But the *free gift* is not like the offense For if by the one man's offense

The *free gift* is not like the offence because Adam's sin *ruined* mankind

Sin destroys: *Every evil* we see today entered this world *because of sin*

V) V15 Much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man

God's grace abounds through Jesus Who overcame death and gave life to us

God gives us the gift of eternal life (Ro 6:23)

VI) V16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned for

Paul continues to contrast Jesus and Adam

He speaks of the gift of life and the offense that resulted in

death

VII) HIS POINT: Judgment came through Adam and the result was condemnation

But the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification

Through Christ's atoning death people were justified by faith in Him

VIII) Notice, it is a *free gift* because God's grace is free and we receive life in Him

We now have fellowship with God, which is the essence of life

Jn 17:3

IX) V17 For if by *one man's offense* death reigned through the one much more

Death has reigned from Adam, and is a sure thing for all who

are born

Gen 3:19 For dust you are, and to dust you shall return

Heb 9:27

I) Death came through Adam, but life came through Jesus
The *grace* revealed by the gospel exceeds the *severity* of judgment

II) Those who have trusted Jesus *have received tremendous blessings in Him*

We have received an abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness

We have received His Spirit, His righteousness, and eternal life

III) V17 The *gift of righteousness* will reign in life through the One Jesus Christ

We reign in life, free from condemnation and have joy in heaven

Jn 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

IV) Forever we will have joy in heaven and enjoy triumph over the enemy

Rev 3:21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with My Father on His throne

Rev 5:10 And have made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

V) V18-19 As through one man's offense judgment came to all men resulting in

Because of Adam, all humanity received the death penalty

VI) The free gift of eternal life is available to all who would receive Jesus

Mt 11:28 Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

VII) V20-21 Moreover *the law entered* that the offense might abound But where sin

**The law revealed what conscious sin was: sins that were seen
This served to name and reveal acts that were condemned by**

God

I) It also revealed that sin originated from human nature, something unseen

It exposed the reason why people would not live according to its revelation

It exposed sin nature

II) V20 Sins abounded, but grace overwhelmingly abounds through Jesus

Though sin is terrible, *God's grace superabounds*

III) The gospel triumphs over sin because *it reveals* God's amazing grace

2 Ti 1:9 He has saved us and called us to a *holy calling*, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and *by the grace* He granted us in Christ Jesus before time began