

Romans 5:12-21 That's Not Fair! (God's Economy of Sin and Grace)

Paul now describes how all have been made sinners by the sin of Adam. We come into the world as sinners. Many today might not think that is fair, but we shall also see that Jesus died for all of our sins, which isn't really fair either by that standard. Thankfully God isn't "fair", He is gracious and merciful.

Topic- Grace

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That's Not Fair!

God's Economy of Sin and Grace

1. One man brought death (12-14)
- 2. One Man brings life (15-19)
- 3. Now grace reigns much more (20-21]

"Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come." (v14)

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KEYWORDS:

- One, 12x
- Death / died, 6x
- Offense(s), 6x (in Greek)
- Gift, 5x (in Greek)
- Grace, 5x
- Reign(ed), 5x
- Many, 5x
- All, 4x
- Much more, 3x

This text is theology heavy, but

-Theology Matters

*Focht- Right beliefs lead to right living.

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"just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin"

Romans 6:23 — For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 — For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Why a Literal Creation Account Matters:

- Not a salvation issue
- But it's still very serious
- The real issue is authority, the Scripture or the world.

If death did not come by man, how assured can we be that life comes through Christ?

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“because all sinned”

Original Sin

Psalm 51:5 — Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Original Sin

Federal Headship

Hebrews 7:9-10 — Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

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13- For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

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“Death reigned from Adam to Moses.”

Cain, the Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Egypt, etc...

Sin is bigger than the Law.

Matthew 5:20 — “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21-22 — “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder... But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.

Matthew 5:27-28 — “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:44 — “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 5:48 — “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

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“but sin is not imputed when there is no law.”

We didn't need the Law of Moses to condemn us, we were already condemned through Adam.

“But that's not fair!”

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“the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”

Isaiah 52:15 — So shall He sprinkle many nations.

Isaiah 53:11 — He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 53:12 — ...Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

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“One offense resulted in condemnation...
many offenses resulted in justification.”

Adam Brings: offense, disobedience, judgment, condemnation, and death.

-Christ Brings: a gift, obedience, grace, justification, and life.

“much more”

*cigarette fire

*Hebrews Background

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“the free gift came to all men”

Seven Texts That Show Christ Died for All

John 3:16 — For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 1:29 — The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Hebrews 2:9 — But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

1 Timothy 4:10 — For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

1 Timothy 2:4-6 — [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

1 John 2:2 — And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

2 Peter 2:1 — But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Limited vs. Unlimited Atonement

-Unlimited Atonement = Christ died for all

-Limited Atonement = Christ only died for Christians (the “elect”)

-A “False Dilemma” or “False Dichotomy”

-“If Christ died for all, then His blood was wasted on unbelievers.”

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Romans 1-3 Paul makes it clear that the Law cannot save.

-In Romans 5 Paul now concludes that the Law does not necessarily even condemn.

-“So then what’s the point of the Law?”

“Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound.”

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*grass2

The Law turns trespass into transgression.

-It turns sin into rebellion.

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Homosexuality is sin.

-Sex before marriage (fornication) is sin.

-A couple who aren't married should NOT be living together, period.

-Looking at pornography or even imagining lustful thoughts is sin.

-Drunkenness & smoking weed is sin.

-Gossip, slander, and most every form of talking about people behind their backs is sin.

-Unlawful divorce is sin.

-Bitterness, Complaining, & Outbursts of wrath are sin.

-Any form of lying, deception, or misrepresentation is sin.

-Stealing, whether from a store or streaming online, is sin.

-Being disrespectful to your parents is sin.

-Harshness toward your spouse or children is sin.

-Prayerlessness is sin.

-Refusing to give generously is sin.

-Knowing the right thing to do and not doing it is sin.

-Pride, self-righteousness, & a condescending spirit are sin.

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John 8

John 3:17 — “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Isaiah 55:8-9 — “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

