

Thank you for joining us today for Take Ten.

Currently, we are on a journey to discover facts found in the Bible about sickness and healing. Today's focus is that:

Death and sickness originated with sin and is now cultivated by Satan.

My Primary scripture will be:

Romans 5:12 "Therefore as sin came into the world **through one man** and death through sin, so death has spread to all men, because all have sinned.

In other words, Adam sinned, and sin spread to everyone. It's now universal.

13 For until the law, sin was in the world. But sin is not counted when there is no law.

Sin existed, but we didn't recognize its existence until it was defined in the law.

14 Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam's sin, who was a type of Him who was to come.

The Apostle Paul says, "Adam was a type of Him who was to come." Interesting. We will get to that in a minute.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if through the trespass of one man many died, then how much more has the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

Through one man, sin came into the world.

Through one man, the gift and grace came into the world.

Jesus's sacrifice to the world was superior to Adam's failure.

16 The gift is not like the result that came through the one who sinned. For the judgment from one sin led to condemnation, but the free gift, which came after many trespasses, leads to justification.

Adam's sin leads to condemnation
Jesus's free gift leads to justification.

17 For if by one man's trespass death reigned through him, then how much more will those who receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Jesus's gift, and grace of righteousness, are abundantly superior to Adam's fall.

18 Therefore just as through the trespass of one man came condemnation for all men, so through the righteous act of One came justification of life for all men.

Jesus paid the price to justify all men and provide life.

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

One man's disobedience - sin.
One man's obedience - righteousness.

20 But the law entered, so that sin might increase, but where sin increased, grace abounded much more, 21 so that just as sin reigned in death, grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Here's what we know about sin:

1. Sin came to the world by one man.
2. It was not in the world at creation.
3. Sin came from outside the world.
4. Sin caused death and sickness to enter the race.
5. Sin is universal in effects (**Rom. 5:12**).
6. It was here 2,500 years before Moses.
7. It is not credited without a law.
8. It Did not come by Moses' law.
9. The Penalty of sin came before Moses' law.
10. Both sin, sickness, and death came from Adam's transgression of **Gen. 2:17**.

Here is what we know in the comparison between Adam and Christ:

1. Adam was head of the old creation (**Gen. 1:26**); Christ is head of the new creation (**2Cor. 5:17–18; Eph. 2:10**).
2. Adam sinned (**Gen. 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 5:12–21**); Christ did not (**1Pet. 2:22**).
3. Adam, by one sin, made many sinners (**Rom. 5:15**); Christ, by the act of obedience, made many righteous (**Rom. 5:19; 2Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:10–14; 1Pet. 2:24**).
4. Adam was made a living soul; Christ was made a quickening Spirit (**1Cor. 15:45**).
5. Adam was of the earth; Christ was the Lord from heaven (**1Cor. 15:47**).
6. Adam brought death (**Rom. 5:12, 17; 1Cor. 15:21**); Christ brings life (**Rom. 5:17–18; Jn. 10:10; 1Cor. 15:21–22**).
7. Adam passed a sinful nature to his offspring (**Rom. 5:12, 19; Eph. 2:3; Ps. 51:5**); Christ imparts a sinless nature (**Rom. 5:19; 2Cor. 5:17–18; 2Pet. 1:4**).
8. Adam brought condemnation (**Rom. 5:16–18**); Christ justifies (**Rom. 5:18; 3:24; 4:25**).
9. Adam lost the grace or favor of God (**Rom. 5:15; Gen. 2:17; 3:6–24**); Christ restored grace to people (**Rom. 5:15–17; 3:24; Jn. 1:17**).
10. Adam offended God (**Rom. 5:15, 17–18; Gen. 3:6, 17–24**); Christ pleased God (**Rom. 5:18; Mt. 3:17; 7:5; 2Pet. 1:17**).
11. Death reigned through Adam (**Rom. 5:12, 14, 17**); life reigns through Christ (**Rom. 5:17–18, 21; Jn. 3:16; 10:10**).
12. Adam caused sin to abound (**Rom. 5:20**); Christ caused grace to abound (**Rom. 5:20**).

A question must be asked, "why did Jesus heal?"

Most people would say to prove He was God. The medical industry heals people at times. Though they like to think they are God, they aren't. Somebody was healing in Jesus' name during His ministry. That person wasn't God.

Jesus healed to destroy the works of the devil!

He healed because it was His nature to do so. God is love. The very essence of His existence is love. It's what He does. It's who He is.

The Father sent His son to destroy the devil's works; therefore, God's **will** must be to destroy the devil's works. Listen to these verses to pick up the theme:

Luke 13:16 "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, **whom Satan has bound**—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly."

Acts 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were **oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him."

1 John 3:8 "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**."

We let the devil run through our life, and then we cry to God and say, "Why did you let the devil run through our life?" Often we forget that we have an enemy.

God has such power behind every statement He makes. In **Jeremiah 23:29**, He said His words are like a hammer. Hammers strike until the rock crumbles. When God said, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to**

Our likeness; let them have dominion." He meant it. When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant it.

When God makes a statement, it is done. His Word is forever established. It is finished. God meant it when he said, "I give you dominion over the devil's works."

If you can get a hold of this, it will change everything.

When Adam fell, Satan became the God of this world, which technically means what? What was Adam? If Adam handed Satan this world, and Satan became the God of this world?

That doesn't mean Adam was divine and diety in and of himself. It just means he was the overseer - the ruler over the earth. There was no being on the planet higher than Adam. Whatever Adam had authority over was handed to Satan.

With our new nature, now being that of Christ, it should be automatic that we agree with God and His will - the problem is that we have been told His will is different from what His Word says.

We think Satan got dominion, and then Jesus came to make the playing field even. No! Jesus restored rule to humanity. Dominion isn't a game where Jesus is just a little ahead of the devil. The triumph is complete. The gap is enormous! Dominion over principalities and power and all spiritual forces is absolute.

So sickness, sin, death, disease, bondage, poverty, and sorrow are works of the devil. They are Satan's character. Jesus came to destroy his works!

Something to remember: God's way of dealing with sin, sickness, and death is to remove them. Man's way of dealing with it is to suppress it.

See you in our next lesson.