

Death Spread to All Men

Romans 5:12-14

I. Adam—The Representative of Humanity (v. 12)

- A. Four _____ truths
1. “Sin came into the world through _____ man”
 2. “_____ [came into the world] through sin” (Gen. 2:17; 3:6; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; Rom. 6:23)
 3. “Death _____ to all men” (vv. 13-14; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Heb. 9:27)
 4. “Because _____ sinned” (Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:3; Isa. 53:6; 1 Cor. 15:22)
- B. Three _____ questions
1. Is it _____ that Adam’s descendants should be considered to be sinners just because he sinned? (Deut. 24:16; Ezek. 18:20)
 2. Does God condemn men for being born sinners, or only for those sins which that have actually _____? (Psa. 51:5; Jn. 3:18; Rom. 8:5-8; 1 Jn. 1:8)
 3. If men are born with a sinful nature, and if they sin because of this inherited nature, how can God hold them _____ for what they do? (Gen. 2:17; Jms. 1:14-15)
- C. _____ of Adam’s sin (Five possible positions)
1. Unexplained solidarity (_____)
 2. Bad example (Adam set a _____ example in his sin)

3. Inherited Sinful Nature (Adam’s sin is passed to us, but not his _____)
4. Realism (Augustinian or _____ view that focuses on how all humanity was physically present in Adam when he sinned)
5. Representative Headship (_____ headship view stressing that Adam’s sin is imputed to us, and therefore when Adam sinned as our representative, his sin is reckoned to his descendants)

II. Sin—Its Presence in the World (v. 13)

- A. Sin was present _____ the law (Rom. 1:18-20; 3:20; 5:14)
- B. Sin is not _____ where there is no law (Rom. 2:12; 3:23; 4:15)

III. Death—The Consequence Applied to All (v. 14)

- A. Death _____ from Adam to Moses (Rom. 5:17, 21; 1 Cor. 15:55-57)
- B. The _____ between sin and transgression (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 3:23)
- C. Adam was a _____ of the one to come (1 Cor. 15:45-49)

TAKE HOME:

- Is it fair that God counted Adam’s _____ to your account?
- Is it fair that God counted Jesus’ _____ to your account?
- How can we be encouraged today about fact that whatever we have lost in Adam, we have gained much _____ in Christ?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Romans 5:12. What are the four simple truths given in this verse? Which one of these truths is the easiest for you to grasp? Which one is the hardest? (Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:3; Isa. 53:6; 1 Cor. 15:22)
2. Which one of the three honest questions have you struggled with the most? What other questions would you add? (Psa. 51:5; Jn. 3:18; Rom. 8:5-8; 1 Jn. 1:8; Gen. 2:17; Jms. 1:14-15)
3. Which one of the five possible positions do you think made the most sense? Why? What other issues are at stake?
4. Compare and contrast view 4 and 5. What are the particulars of each? Why did I say that I believe Representative Headship is the best view?
5. Read Romans 5:13. What is the important thing to remember in this verse? What is the relationship between sin and the law? How does this relate to us today? (Rom. 1:18-20; 3:20; 5:14; Rom. 2:12; 3:23; 4:15)
6. Read Romans 5:14. What is the significance of death reigning from Adam to Moses? What does that teach us about the difference between sin and transgression? In what way was Adam a type of Christ? (Rom. 5:17, 21; 1 Cor. 15:55-57; 1 Cor. 15:45-49)
7. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

"This section is a contrast of Adam and Christ. Adam was given dominion over the old creation, he sinned, and he lost his kingdom. Because of Adam's sin, all mankind is under condemnation and death. Christ is as the King over a new creation. By His obedience on the cross, He brought in righteousness and justification. Christ not only undid all the damage that Adam's sin effected, but He accomplished much more!"

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*