

# HOW IS JESUS THE SECOND ADAM?

TRUTH

# Romans 5 - Scripture

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- The Truths in this passage are beyond complete human comprehension, but are simple and clear if you accept it in humble faith, like you accept the law of gravity without fully understanding it.
- [Romans 5 - NKJV \(Audio Bible & Text\) - YouTube](#)

# Moral Ruin of the Human Race \*

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## Romans 5:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man **sin** entered the world, and **death** through **sin**, and thus **death** spread to all men, because all **sinned**—

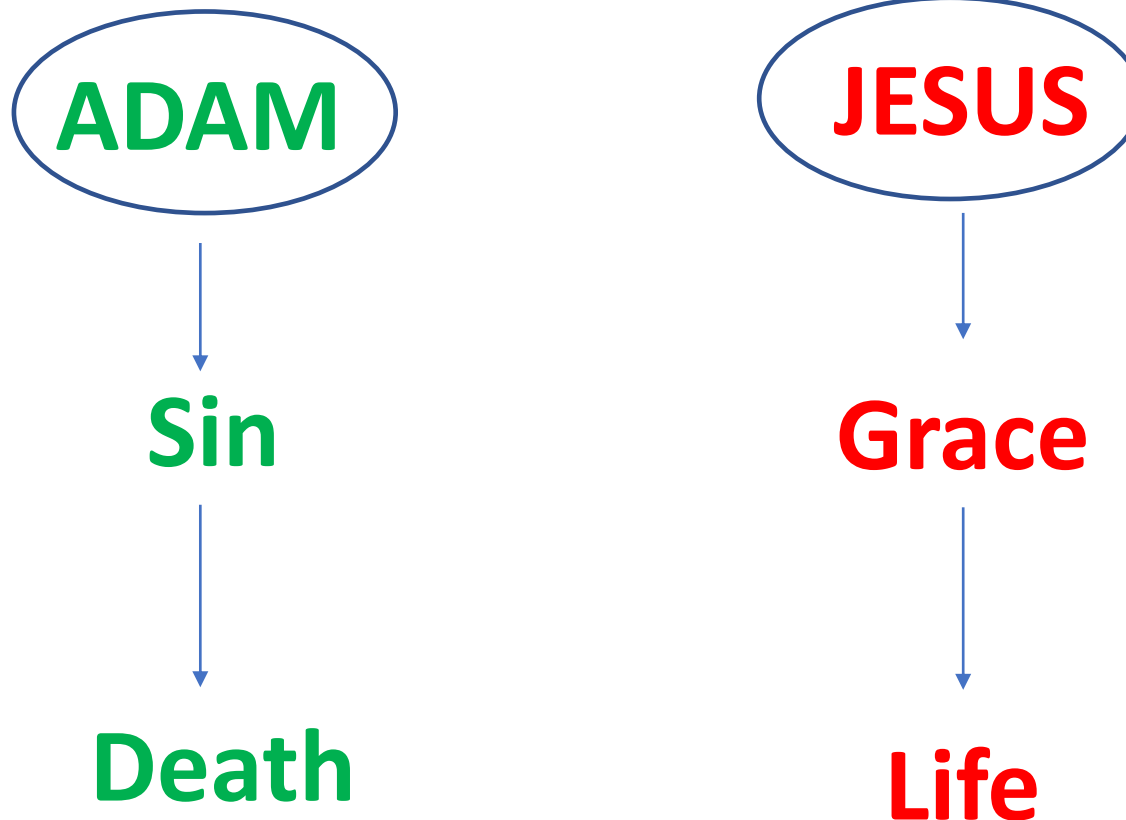
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- This is the doctrine of Original Sin – we are sinners at birth (Augustine)
- God holds Adam accountable rather than Eve, showing the headship of the human race.

# Only 2 Paths

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There are only 2 Kingdoms, and you are in one of them.  
The only way to pass from Death to Life is through Faith in Christ.



Romans 5:12-14

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- Sin is treason against God and it brings the Death Penalty

Genesis 2:17 – Physical & Spiritual Death occurred.

- <sup>17</sup> 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.**”
- Romans 6:23 – **“The penalty of sin is death”**
- Ezekiel 18:20 **“The soul that sinneth, it shall die”**

# Sin is the only Problem of Humanity

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If we don't understand that **SIN** is man's problem, we won't appreciate the solution, that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (5:8)

Repentance upon salvation requires confessing from the heart that you are a sinner in need of forgiveness.

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- 1. Death is universal** (v.12, 14 – because all have sinned)
- 2. Cause of Death is Sin** (v.12b)
- 3. Sin Entered the World through Adam** (v.12a)
- 4. We have a Universal Sin Nature**  
(spiritual depravity/bankruptcy of man)

## Romans 5:12-14

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- Sin here does not represent one unrighteous act, but the propensity to sin – A Sin Nature – Adam represents all mankind
- This is not about personal sins (there was no law in Adam's time and no sin offerings were required until Ex. 29:14).
- Therefore death in this time was not due to personal sins, but due to a **sin nature** inherited from Adam.
- We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we have a sin nature (Mark 7:21-23)



# Sin Entered Through 1 Man

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- Analogy of Christ and Adam is because each made one decision that affected all humanity (corporate identity was common principle of God's punishment or blessing in OT – i.e. Sodom; Israel; Achan)
- Both were in the Garden, Eden vs. Gethsemene;
  - **In Eden, Adam sinned and brought Condemnation to all mankind (My Will be Done in disobedience)**
  - **In Gethsemane, Jesus overcame sin by dying on the Cross, providing Justification (salvation) to mankind (Your will be done) – amazing parallel!**
- Sin entered the world with Adam since it was him who God issued the command in Gen. 2:15-17, but sin originated with Satan (1 John 3:8).

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- **The fact Adam was the original human being is critical** to Paul's argument and to the Gospel of Christ, since if man did not fall with Adam they could not be saved from Christ.
- **Beware of False Teaching** - Evolution and any doctrine (**i.e. Adam is just myth or analogy**) that denies this biblical fact that Adam is the first man, created by God, and whose sin infected all mankind, is contrary to everything Paul is arguing in Chapter 5, and therefore contrary to the Gospel of Christ according to Paul.

# The Fall – Literal Event

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- This is not an allegory but a **literal event**, as the inspired Apostle Paul & John verify.
- **2 Corinthians 11:3** <sup>3</sup>” But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness**, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- **1 Timothy 2:14** <sup>14</sup>” And Adam was not deceived, but the **woman being deceived**, fell into transgression.”

# Death Spread to All Men

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- Only 2 men didn't die – Enoch & Elijah, even Jesus died
- How sin spread to all men is not fully explained, this is a mystery, but Paul simply declares this fact. We need to believe it in faith.
- Therefore **all people are born “sinners”** by nature; “in sin my mother conceived me” (Ps. 51:5; 58:3; Jer. 17:9; Job 15:14).
- Everyone who is not spiritually “Born Again” (John 3:3) in Christ is a **child of Satan...** “You are of your father the devil....” **John 8:44**

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- Some argue, **this isn't fair**
  - **it also wasn't fair Christ suffered the penalty for our sin.** God's mercy and forgiveness is not fair, it is so He is glorified.
  - Fair would have been to destroy Adam and us.
- **God's ways are beyond human comprehension – beware of human reason and the world's (Satan's) lies and trust in the Word.**

# Adam is a Type of Christ

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- **Adam was a type of Christ** in regard to humanity, since each man's action affected all mankind.
- Imputation principle is mentioned -to charge to the account of: 3 types
  1. Adam's sin to entire human race
  2. Sins of believers are imputed to Christ on the Cross
  3. Righteousness of Christ is imputed to believers

# Death in Adam, Life in Christ

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- <sup>18</sup> Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through **one Man's righteous act** *the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life*. <sup>19</sup> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience **(to the law of God + the Cross)** many will be made righteous.
- <sup>20</sup> Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. **But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,** <sup>21</sup> **so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

# The Dawn of a New Humanity - LIFE

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1 Cor. 15:22

- **“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.”**
- Parallels/Contrasts
  - **ADAM** - v.12-14 – Law led to Sin led to Death – **We are Born in Adam**
  - **CHRIST** - v.20-21 – Grace led to Righteousness leads to life – **Born Again In Christ**



# Practical Application

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- **The world says people are basically good**, and occasionally do bad things (i.e. make mistakes/bad decisions).
- **The bible says people are wretched sinners** who occasionally do good things (Romans 7:24-25 – O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?)
- If we were all good, why do any of us do bad things when we know they will cause us harm? (i.e. selfishness; hurting others; bad thoughts; addiction; etc.). We can't seem to not do bad things.
- **Sin and the fallen world is the problem and explanation for all human History. The Gospel is the one and only solution.**

# Grace abounds More than Sin

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