

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

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Exegesis – Romans 5:12

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- **Therefore** = refers to preceding verses 8-11
- **Just as through one man** = Adam, an actual historical person and the line from which all humanity comes. Not a representation of the human race, but an actual individual man.
- **Sin entered into the world** = Sin was not always in the world
- **And death through sin** = Death is only here because of sin – A penalty for Adam's disobedience of God's direct command to him
- **And death through sin** = sin has spread into the life of every person born into this world
- **Because all sinned** = The sin of Adam was imputed to all people

King James version has, “for all *have* sinned.”

The NASB along with several others translations have, “*because all sinned.*”

What’s the difference?

All have sinned conveys the idea that everybody has committed sin.

That is true-everyone has committed sin, but that is not what this verse is saying to us.

sinned – aorist (once-for-all, past completed historical act), **active, indicative**

The apostle Paul here is referring to a specific historical act which took place once upon a time.

In contrast, “**all have sinned**,” could mean at some point in their life, everyone has sinned. In other words, a person may have sinned yesterday, 10 years ago, 40 years ago.

However, but because “all sinned” is in the aorist tense, it is not referring to several acts of sin committed over several tens, hundreds or thousands of years ago but a one time, once for all act that was completed in history.

So, what does he mean by this statement...because all sinned?

Romans 5:13-14

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

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

Exegesis – Romans 5:13-14

13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Verse 13

- **For** = Begins the explanation of the last clause in verse 12.
- **Until the law** = The period of time that elapsed from the fall of man until the giving of the law through Moses. In other words, this refers to that whole section of history, after the sin of Adam, before the law was given in words through Moses.
- **Sin was in the world** = Sin and all its consequences was in the world before the giving of the law through Moses – Sin was universal and so was death

- **But sin is not imputed** = Note that this is a different use than in Romans 4:3-8. Here the usage means not to put on the ledger (accounting), not taken into account, not put into the account, not attributed to, no credited to
- **When there is no law** = Romans 4:15 [For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.].

By the way, he is not saying that where there is no law there is no sin. He clearly just said earlier in this verse that sin was in the world... this also means that God regarded, viewed sin as sin and punished it even though the law had not yet been given. Sin is still sin even though it is not counted as a transgression or breaking of the law. You can't break a law that has not been clearly given. Bottom line, the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul is pointing out that sin did exist prior to the giving of the law through Moses..

Verse 14

14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

- **Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses** = Even though there was yet no law given, God still dealt with sin as sin by virtue of the fact that death reigned throughout humanity during this time.
- **Over those** = this refers to everyone who died between Adam and Moses, including infants and young children
- **Who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam** = Genesis 2:16-17 [The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."]

God gave Adam a *specific, direct command* that was openly and plainly stated in words. Adam then sinned against a known and openly stated law.

The “**those**” mentioned earlier in this verse did not sin in that manner as Adam had sinned. They did not have an **openly stated law in words** put before them as Adam had, because the law of Moses had not yet been given. So, in that case, they had not sinned in a manner that Adam sinned.

What about babies, infants, children?

Certainly, they are included in the “**those**” mentioned earlier in this verse.

Babies, infants, children died during this time.

Why? After all, they are not capable of any moral decision making and are not capable of any moral recognition where they choose to do that which is in keeping with God's law.....And yet they died. Even over them, death reigned. Clearly, they had not sinned after the same manner as Adam had.

Why did these children die? Why did death also reign over them?

Romans 5:12

...and so death spread to all men, because all [including babies, infants and children] **sinned**

What is the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul is telling us?

These little ones died because of THEIR sin. Remember, “all sinned” is in the the aorist, *active*, imperative tense.

They have not committed any actual acts of sin, ... and yet their deaths prove that they were guilty of sin.

How do we explain this? This is seems like a problem!

However, the solution, the answer is clearly found at the end of verse 12, “**because all sinned**”

What does that mean, “**all sinned**”?

It also doesn't mean that we **have a sin nature** and because we have this sin nature we are punished with death just for having the sin nature

It doesn't mean that everyone has **committed actual acts of sin** – many theologians have taken up this view. This is refuted when we apply this to infants. What actual acts of sin have they committed? The answer is none.

Let's discuss the two categories concerning the commission of sin:

The view that “all sinned” means we all have a sin nature and we are punished with death for just having that sin nature.

We must reject this.

Romans 5:12 says, “all sinned” not all have a sin nature.

The word sinned is a verb. The phrase *sin nature* is not a verb - it describes a state of being not action.

So, what does this phrase, *all sinned*, mean?

It means just what it says in verse 12 at the end. That all, including children, including infants sinned in Adam.

Romans 5:12

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When adam sinned, his sin was **imputed to us**. When he sinned, we sinned right along with him. In other words, God **looks at us/viewed us** as sinners jut like he **viewed** Adam. God **counted us** as having sinned right along like Adam.

Adam's sin was imputed to the whole of mankind

DEFINITIONS:

IMPUTED sin and ACTUAL sin

IMPUTED SIN

To reckon, to put to one's account, to credit, to deposit, to charge, to reckon or account and treat accordingly.

ACTUAL SIN

Age of accountability

Deut 1:39

39 'Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who **this day have no knowledge of good or evil**, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.

Isa 7:16

16 "For **before the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good**, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.

It appears that actual sin is what sends us to Hell!

John 16:7-9

7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8** "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

9 concerning sin, because they **do not believe in Me**;

From Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary,

“Thus does the Spirit, in fastening this truth upon the conscience, instead of extinguishing, only consummate and **intensify the sense** knowledge, understanding, awareness **of all other sins**; **causing the convicted sinner to perceive that his complete absolution from guilt**, or his

remediless condemnation under the weight of all his sins, **hangs upon his believing on the Son of God, or his deliberate rejection of Him.**”

John 3:17-19

17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 "He who **believes** in Him is not judged; he who **does not believe** has been **judged already**, because he has **not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36

36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, **and believes Him who sent Me**, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

EMPHASIS ON THE ONE – Romans 5:15-16

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1 Cor 15:21-22

21 For since by a man came **death, by a man** also came the resurrection of the dead.

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THE DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL SIN

We are all guilty in God's sight for the sin of Adam.

You may say that doesn't seem fair – I don't understand

Martyn Lloyd Jones, "I don't understand it myself. I don't come into this pulpit to say things that I understand. I come here to expound the scripture. If you once began to introduce that argument of I don't understand this, I don't see this... The moment you begin to bring in that argument that you don't understand and you don't see, you [have] left faith... you've become a rationalist.....your understanding is the authority.....it is no longer the word of God.....by the way, who understands the doctrine of the trinity, who understands the doctrine of imputation."

Isaiah 53:6

All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But **Yahweh has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.**"

What is being said, is clear

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HOW ARE WE UNITED/JOINED/IN RELATIONSHIP WITH ADAM? / IN
WHAT WAY ARE WE UNITED/JOINED TO ADAM?

- Naturally/Biologically/ Realistically
- Sovereignly in the Mind of God

Naturally/Biologically/ Realistically

Hebrews 7:9-10

9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes,
10 for he was **still in the loins of his father** when Melchizedek met him.

Adam was the representative of the entire Human race [federal head].

Romans 5:15-19

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1 Corinthians 15:45-47

45 So also it is written, "The **first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.**" The **last Adam** became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the **second man** is from heaven.

Unfounded Objections

"I didn't choose Adam to be my representative. I had no choice in the matter."

"I could've done better than Adam as a representative."

"Why did he have to attach us to Adam? "

"Why did God Let him be our representative?"

We may have these objections but know that Nowhere in the history of all mankind, are we represented more fairly.

Why?

Because God was the one who chose Adam.

Everything that God does is good and very good!

We elect representatives in politics.

Never, ever, ever will a political official represent the people who chose them as fairly as Adam did us.

Isa 55:8-9

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! **34 for who has known the mind of the lord, or who became his counselor?**

35 or who has first given to him that it might be paid back to him again?

36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.
Amen.

Hebrews 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; **and he was not found because god took him up**; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

Sovereignly in the Mind of God

We were there in the mind of God, or the foundation of the world.

Matt 25:34

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

ROM 8:29

Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers;"

Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

2 Timothy 1:9

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began

Who is a type of Him who was to come

Romans 5:14

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In what sense is Adam a type of Christ?

The Apostle Paul now begins comparisons and points out similarities between Adam and Jesus Christ:

1. BOTH WERE APPOINTED BY GOD AS OUR HEAD AND REPRESENTATIVE

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2. GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH BOTH OF THEM

ADAM

Genesis 2:15-17

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

CHRIST JESUS

COVENANT OF REDEMPTION

In his systematic theology, Charles Hodge lists eight promises the Father gave to the Son in this pact made in eternity. Briefly they are:

1 that God would form a purified Church for His Son

2 that the Son would receive the Spirit without measure

3 that He would be ever-present to support Him

4 that He would deliver Him from death and exalt Him to His right hand

5 that He would have the Holy Spirit to send to whom He willed

6 that all the Father gave to Him would come to Him and none of these be lost;
7 that multitudes would partake of His redemption and His messianic kingdom;
8 that He would see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

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John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those **who believe in His name**, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:16-18

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 "**He who believes in Him** is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 6:37-39

37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of **all that He has given Me I lose nothing**, but raise it up on the last day.

John 17:2

2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to **all whom You have given Him**, He may give eternal life.

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Romans 8:29-30

29 For **ALL those whom He foreknew**, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and **ALL these whom He predestined**, He also called; and **ALL these whom He called**, He also justified; and **ALL these whom He justified**, He also glorified.

1 Corinthians 15:22

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ **all will be made alive.**

1. Both were appointed by god as our head and representative

2. God made a covenant with both of them adam

3. Each represents all their seed

4. EACH ONE HAS PASSED ON TO HIS SEED THE EFFECTS AND THE FRUIT OF THEIR ACTIONS/DEEDS/WORKS

Adam's sin and its consequences was passed on to us all.

Christ, obedience and righteousness was passed on to all who believe in him.

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5. EACH OF THEM IS THE HEAD OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RACE

Remember, Adam is the head of the whole human race. However in spiritual terms, there is a second race and Jesus Christ is that head.

Spiritually there are TWO races:

One is natural. The other is spiritual.

ADAM is the head and representative of the natural/human race

CHRIST JESUS is the head and representative of the spiritual race.

Why use the term “race”?

Because this is how scripture describes them.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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SKIP

47 The **first man is from the earth, earthy**; the **second man is from heaven**.

48 As is the **earthy**, so also are those **who are earthy**; and as is **the heavenly**, so also are those **who are heavenly**.

The Two Races

NATURAL HUMAN RACE

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SPIRITUAL/CHOSEN RACE

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are **A CHOSEN RACE**, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

WHEN WAS THE SPIRITUAL RACE CHOSEN, ELECTED AND SELECTED?

- **This race was chosen before time began.**
- **This race was chosen, elected, and selected in its ENTIRETY before time began.**

Rom 9:22-24

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

23 **And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,**

24 **even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.**

Ephesians 1:3-11

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Galatians 1:15

15 But when God, who **had set me apart even from my mother's womb** and called me through His grace,

What happened to the apostle Paul, to Jacob, to Isaac happens to us and for us today. We are called to set apart from before we are in the world.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

5 "**Before I formed you** in the womb **I knew you,**

And **before you were born** I consecrated you;

I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

It isn't the selection out of an old race it is a production of a new race

CHRIST JESUS IS THE HEAD AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPIRITUAL RACE

In other words, Jesus Christ is the first of a new humanity the head of a new race

Ephesians 5:23

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as **Christ also is the head of the church**, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

Colossians 1:18

18 He is also head of **the body, the church**; and **He is the beginning, the firstborn** from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have **first place in everything**.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE NATURAL BIRTH IN ALL OF THIS?

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the **spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual**.

47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

THE SPIRITUAL RACE HAS TO BE BORN SPIRITUALLY

In other words, one is first born naturally in the world as a human being but then born AGAIN spiritually.

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 **who were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

John 3:3-6

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless **one is born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**."

Galatians 4:28-29 (LSB)

28 And you brothers, in accordance with Isaac, are children of promise.

29 But as at that time he who was **born according to the flesh** was persecuting him who was **born according to the Spirit**, so it is now also.

ALL HUMANS ARE BORN NATURALLY BUT NOT EVERYONE BELONGS TO THE SPIRITUAL RACE

Romans 9:6-13

6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For **they are not all Israel** who are **descended from Israel**;

7 **nor are they all children** because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "**THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.**"

8 That is, it is not the **children of the flesh** who are children of God, but the **children of the promise** are regarded as descendants.

9 For this is the word of promise: "**AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON.**"

10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "**THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER.**"

13 Just as it is written, "**JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED.**"