

THE BEST NEWS: THE ONE SOLUTION!

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WORSHIP

No Other Name, We Have
Overcome, Your Great
Name, King of Kings

WELCOME

Who is one person who
impacted your life the most?
How has this person greatly
influenced you?

WORD

(READ ROMANS 5:12-21)
ROMANS 5:12-15

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—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.¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

How much impact can one person make in life? Today, we look at two men who greatly impacted history – Adam and Jesus. As we continue our series on Romans, we learn that it was through Adam that sin entered the world. But we weren't left without hope, because through Christ, our rescue from sin came.

1. PROBLEM: THE IMPACT OF ADAM

It was because of Adam's sin in the garden that brought about mankind's separation from God (**Genesis 2:16-17**). The command was given to Adam and consequently, to every husband to lead as heads of their families. When Adam yielded to temptation, he wasn't acting according to God's design. From the very beginning, the devil has this strategy: he will start by discrediting the character of God, after which he will appeal to our natural desires (**Genesis 3:4-6**).

While it is true that we can all trace our predisposition to sin back to Adam, **Romans 5:12** says that "death spread to all men, because all sinned". Romans has been pointing out that all have sinned, all are guilty, and that means that it's not all Adam's fault, we all need to assume responsibility for all that we've done wrong.

What is the impact of sin in our lives?

a. We are spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1-2)

Notice that in the verse, the Apostle Paul wrote in the past tense, meaning he is talking to those who have already heard of the good news and put their faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior, people who have already experienced Christ's transforming work in their lives. Nonetheless, Paul is reminding them as much as he's reminding you and me that we were dead indeed in our trespasses and sins.

b. Sin Nature (Ephesians 2:3)

The verse clearly tells us that sin is not just what we do with our bodies, but what we let in our minds. We were even called "children of wrath", this means that because of our predisposition, because of our sinful nature, we were objects of God's wrath. People may be capable of doing good, however, the standard of God's righteousness is not that we do good at times and sin at times. God's standard of righteousness is fully righteous, and Jesus is the only one who is righteous without sin (**Ecclesiastes 7:20**).

c. Separated from God (Isaiah 59:2)

The thought of separation from God is scary, knowing that His face is hidden from us even when we cry out, should bring about fear.

d. Empty Life (Psalm 90:10)

People may say that it doesn't bother them to not live under God's favor, but there's more to the impact and consequence of sin. Apart from Christ, as we live for ourselves, we will live empty lives. Sometimes the emptiness is not realized right away, but towards the end of life one becomes consumed with guilt and regret (**Ecclesiastes 2:16-17**).

e. Eternal Death (Revelation 21:8)

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If our separation from God remains unresolved, it becomes permanent. In **Romans 5:13-14**, though during that time before the Law of God was given to man, sin may not have had specific names, but people's wrongdoing still brought about death. From Adam we were bound to hopelessness, but Jesus came to bring about our rescue. The impact of sin can never overshadow or outdo the grace of God.

2. SOLUTION: THE IMPACT OF JESUS

Gifts from God through Jesus Christ:

Salvation – being rescued from the penalty of sin by the sacrifice and the shed blood of Jesus.

Redemption – our ransom was paid, so that we can be free from our slavery to sin.

Justification – to be declared not guilty; our record being wiped clean as Christ's righteousness was imputed on us as if we never sinned.

The truth is this, no amount of darkness can extinguish light. As a matter of fact, the darker the place, the brighter light shines. Our assurance is this, there is no darkness that can overpower the light of the gospel of the grace of Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world. He will pierce through the darkness of your life and give you a life that you never imagined you could have. That's why the free gift from God is much more (**Romans 5:16-17**).

The following are part of the impact of Jesus Christ in our lives. Through Him, we are/have:

- Spiritually Alive (Ephesians 2:4-6)**
- A New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)**
- United with God (Ephesians 2:13)**
- Full/Abundant Life (John 10:10)**

Just because Jesus died on the cross does not automatically mean that everyone will be saved. If this were true, why would Jesus command us to make disciples and the Apostle Paul admonishes us to share the good news? The gift of salvation must be received. We cannot make ourselves righteous, we must be made righteous by God through His Son, Jesus. God's righteousness was imputed on us, and that righteousness cannot be measured or computed. Our righteousness was because of the obedience of the One – Jesus Christ (**Luke 22:18-19**).

Nothing can overpower the grace of God. (**Romans 5:20**) The impact of Jesus is not only in this life, but He also impacts our eternity as He makes us alive in Him (**Romans 5:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 45-49**).

3. APPLICATION: THE IMPLICATION FOR US

- Believe in the One (Jesus) – If you have not yet put your trust in Jesus, do so today (**John 1:12**)!
- Live for the One – If you have accepted Jesus in your life, don't live as though you are still in Adam. Live in a way that shows that you are in Jesus. Honor Him with your life (**2 Corinthians 5:15**).
- Tell others about the One – Are you blessed by the gift of God's grace and love through Jesus? Share this beautiful truth to others (**Romans 1:15-16**)!

The grace of God enables us to say yes to Jesus. Experience His life-changing impact today!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. Self-Check.

What aspects of your life validate that we really have a sinful nature?

2. Setting It Right.

Have you experienced the abundant grace of Jesus? How did it happen and what changed since then?

3. Living It Out.

Whom will you tell about "the One" (Jesus) in the coming weeks?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for friends and loved ones to come to have open eyes and hearts for the gospel and experience the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that the light of Christ's work through His people will open their hearts and minds to put their trust in Him. Persevere to be a person who lives in obedience to God, that people will be attracted to the gospel. Share this message on the One solution to others this week.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For the Russian invasion of Ukraine to end; peace and order be restored, lives spared. Russian and Ukrainian soldiers, families, leaders to turn to Christ; refugees be given safe passage into surrounding nations.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 5:19

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