

Romans 5:12-18 • One Man, Part 1

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“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 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.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.”

Overview & Review:

Romans, written by Paul under inspiration by the Holy Spirit, is about the Gospel. The Gospel is the good news of God’s work of redemption. In it, man’s inability is contrasted with God’s gracious work of salvation. The security of the believer is a major theme, if not the main theme. The weakest link in our security would be at the point of our *perceived* contribution, our role. The letter to the Romans methodically and tediously reveals that we are saved by God alone. Our security is not rooted in our ability to hang onto God but in God’s great power to hold onto us. There are no weak links because it is a work of God from beginning to end.

Sola Fide (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Sola Gratia (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Romans 1:7 To all those in Rome who are **loved by God** and **called to be saints:**
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,** to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:17 For in it **the righteousness of God is revealed** from faith for faith, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Romans 3:10 as it is written: **“None is righteous, no, not one;**

Romans 3:11 **no one** understands; **no one** seeks for God.

Romans 4:5 And to the one who **does not work but believes in him** who justifies **the ungodly**, his faith is **counted as righteousness**,

Romans 5:8 but **God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Romans 5:9 Since, therefore, **we have now been justified by his blood**, much more shall we be **saved by him from the wrath of God.**

Romans 5:10 For if while **we were enemies** we were **reconciled to God** by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, **shall we be saved by his life.**

Romans 5:11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **reconciliation.**

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

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, **God created** the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, **“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.** And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:27 So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God he created him; **male and female he created them.**

Genesis 1:28 And **God blessed them.** And God said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea**

and over the birds of the heavens and over **every living thing that moves on the earth.**”

Genesis 1:29 And God said, “Behold, **I have given you** every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:8 And the **Lord God planted a garden in Eden**, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is **pleasant to the sight and good for food**. The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.

Genesis 2:16 And the **Lord God commanded the man**, saying, “**You may** surely eat of **every tree of the garden**,

Genesis 2:17 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.**”

Genesis 2:25 And the man and his wife were both **naked and were not ashamed**.

Genesis 3:1 Now the **serpent was more crafty** than any other beast of the field that the **Lord God had made**. He said to the woman, “**Did God actually say**, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

Genesis 3:3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, **neither shall you touch it, lest you die.**’”

Genesis 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman, “**You will not surely die.**

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it **your eyes will be opened**, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”

The stakes: You will be like God or you will die.

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman **saw** that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the **tree was to be desired to make one wise**, she **took of its fruit** and **ate**, and she also **gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate**.

Genesis 3:7 Then the **eyes of both were opened**, and **they knew** that **they were naked**. And **they sewed** fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Genesis 3:8 And **they heard** the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God** among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 But the **Lord God called to the man** and said to him, “**Where are you?**”

Genesis 3:10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and **I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.**”

Genesis 3:11 He said, “**Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?**”

Genesis 3:12 The man said, “**The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.**”

Genesis 3:13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**”

Implications from the fall: Adam’s sin and the resulting condemnation cascaded to all of humanity. On that day, as warned, he surely died, and we died with him. He died spiritually and eventually died physically. We are born spiritually dead and eventually die physically. Spiritual death is to be separated from God. Being separated and alienated from God left man trying to find meaning, purpose and fulfillment through creation, all the while battling feelings of shame and fear.

Desires that could only be satisfied in God were left unfulfilled. Man was left with only his five senses to receive information about the world and with no ability to discern it accurately. In his fallen state he was subject to deception and prone to wrongly interpreting truth.

Romans 3:11 **no one understands**; no one seeks for God.

1Corinthians 2:14 The **natural person** does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for **they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**

Ephesians 2:1 And you **were dead in the trespasses and sins**

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once walked, **following** the course of this **world**, **following the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the **sons of disobedience—**

Ephesians 2:3 among whom **we all** once lived in the **passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

Ephesians 2:4 **But God**, being **rich in mercy**, because of the **great love with which he loved us,**

Ephesians 2:5 **even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...**

Genesis 3:21 And the **Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.**