

## ***The Deed that Changed the World*** ***Romans 5:12-21***

### ***I. The Magnitude of Adam's Impact upon Humanity***

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type (pattern) of the one who was to come.

#### ***A. The Continuance of Sin***

- 1. By Imitation, Infection, and/or Inclusion***
- 2. By Corporate Solidarity, Joshua 7:1-12 (Achan)***

#### ***B. The Certainty of Death***

- 1. Physically***
- 2. Spiritually***

#### ***C. The Conflict of Self (Toxic Shame and Guilt)***

- 1. Cognitively: Total in its influence over the mind***
- 2. Emotionally: Universal in its prevalence among mankind***
- 3. Intentionality: Inherent in our nature***

*The Argument: Sin came into the world through Adam  
With Sin came death  
Death spread to all people  
Because all people sinned  
We die because Adam sinned (v. 18) and we sin (v. 12)*

### ***II. The Magnificence of Christ's Impact upon Humanity***

*(The key phrase, "how much more" in vv. 15,17)  
(just as . . . so also – comparisons of Adam and Christ)*

- A. There is a power operative in Christ that enables his work on our behalf to more than cancel the tragic effect of Adam's sin.***
  - a. It is the gift of justification***
  - b. That gift is a product of God's grace***
  - c. Because of that the reign of life that Christ inaugurates completely overpowers and sweeps aside the reign of death that Adam's sin initiated.***

*The Argument: Adam's sin affects the many, and so does Christ's obedience (vv. 15, 19). Adam's sin affects all men and so does Christ's act of righteousness (v. 18).*

*The Problem: Does this mean just as all people die in Adam, so all people find new life in Christ? (Universal salvation)*

### **III. The Mandate of Our Impact Upon Humanity**

- A. *We are "in Adam" simply by virtue of being born; we are "in Christ" only when we receive the gift God offers (v. 17). You have to make a choice for Christ or you have already chosen. (I'm sorry, please, thank you)*
  
- B. *The Measure of a Man or Woman is their Impact on the Lives of Others*
  - a. *Impact through Modeling*
  - b. *Impact through Messages*
  - c. *Impact through Ministries*

#### **Table Talk:**

- *Read Genesis 3:1-23 as a family or small group. What would you title this chapter? Who was to blame for the Fall? Why?*
- *What did Adam and Eve experience for the first time after their disobedience? How about you –what is the worst thing about disobeying God?*
- *How does sin affect our mind? How about our body? How about our spirit?*
- *Tell the story of how you received the gift God offers in His Son Jesus?*
- *If the measure of a person is the impact they have on others, how are you doing? What can you do differently to have a greater impact on others?*

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