Romans: Lesson 10

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INTRODUCTION

- There are some who've described Romans chapter 5, verses 12 through 21 as perhaps the most difficult section of the book of Romans.
- Out of this chapter has come an idea that man is born in sin.
- There are those churches today who teach their preachers teach that we inherit Adam's sin, the original sin.

1 Does This Text Teach Inherited Sin?

Romans 5:12–14; 1 Corinthians 15; Hebrews 9:27

- Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.
- The text does not say that we inherit Adam's sin. It says Adam brought sin into the world.
- Inherited sin, inherited total depravity, or inherited original sin. That has to be added to the text. It's just not in the Bible.
- If by one man poisoned gas entered a room, and death by gas, all died, for all inhale the gas. Is that the same as saying all brought the gas into the room?

2 All Have Sinned: Spiritual Death and Spiritual Life

Romans 5:17–18; Acts 10:34–35; 2 Peter 3:9

- Adam was guilty of sin. We're not guilty, or we do not inherit that sin.
- Death passed upon all men, why? Because all have sinned. That's why all suffer spiritual death.
- It doesn't teach universal salvation. If it doesn't teach that, neither does it teach universal condemnation.
- God made us in his image. And that means we are creatures of choice, free moral agents to choose.

3 Death Reigned Over Them That Had Not Sinned Like Adam

Romans 5:13–14; Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 19:14

- Here he says death reigned even over those who did not sin like Adam.
- The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Then it says, the son shall not bear the iniquity of the Father, nor the Father bear the iniquity of the Son.
- Children don't inherit Adam's sin, and they in fact are safe in the arms of the loving God.
- All of accountable age have sinned, and therefore all are worthy of spiritual death, eternal death.

4 What Was Lost in Adam Was Regained in Christ

Romans 5:15–17; Genesis 3

- We see a contrast between what Adam brought into the world and what Jesus Christ brought in the world.
- Life or eternal life is going to come through faith, not by inheritance of physical birth.
- Perhaps the most basic point to be understood is that what was lost in Adam was regained in Christ.
- While sin brought death, the death of Christ brought life.

5 The Grace of God and the Gift of God

Romans 5:18–21; Ephesians 2:1–10

- What it's telling us is about the grace of God.
- By grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.
- God's part is by grace. Man's part is by faith. But it's a faith that really obeys.
- But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

6 Christ Provided a Ransom for All Men

Matthew 7:13–14; 1 Timothy 2:4–6

- The free gift is made possible for all men.
- What this passage does teach is that Christ provided a ransom for all men.
- God wants all men to be saved. In verse 6, Christ died as a ransom for all.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you obeyed the gospel by faith? May you rejoice how that his grace is even for you.**

MY NOTES